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### US: Syria likely to skip summit

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

SYRIA "almost certainly" will be absent from Wednesday's sumit at Sharm e-Sheikh, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said yesterday.

He stressed that the US "has a disagreement' with Syria over its providing a haveo for Palestinian groups opposing the peace pro-cess, and expressed sorrow over the existence "of a Hamas office in Damascus."

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Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, meanwhile, urged Syria to appear -ut the summit as a sign it is against terrorism, Israel Radio said. Syria has not condemned the suicide bombings.

Failure to appear would show that Syria has not broken its ties with terrorism, Barak was quoted as saying.

Representatives of 31 countries, including US President Bill Clioton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin, are to meet for the one-day, hastily arranged gathering in Egypt.

After the conference is over, Clintoo will fly to Jerusalem in Air Force 1, with Peres as his guest in the presideotial plane.

Clinton is expected to meet Israeli ministers at an informal cabinet session after the international cooference oo terrorism, cabinet secretary Shmnel Hollander said. He said Cliotoo would participate in a session on terrorism with the cabinet.

Clinton will also visit the site of the No. 18 bus explosions and the graves of Yitzhak Rabin and soldiers killed in the recent bombings, and meet with some 1,000 Israeli youth in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

Lebanon meanwhile said it might boycott the meeting. Foreign Minister Faris Bouez told a news conference that Israeli occupation of Arab land was the main obstacle to Middle East peace and the 1991 Madrid cooference offered the best framework to deal with regioo's problems.

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Asked if Lebanon would boycott the summit, he said: "This deduction may be correct. You have to wait until tomorrow."

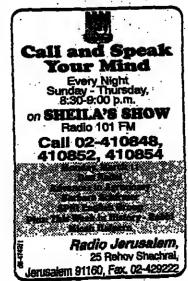
He said President Elias Hrawi would give Lebanon's final answer today.

Meeting in Sicily, European Unioo foreign ministers con-"demned Iranian and Libyan declarations of support for the suicide bombings and called on Iran to condemn all acts of terrorism "once and for all."

Iran, uninvited to the summit, denies actively helping radical Palestinian and other dissident groups. But Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati backed their right to struggle for their cause.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi said the "evil" would end only when Israel and the US are destroyed.

In Iraq, another pariah state in the eyes of the US, the Babel newspaper, owned by President Saddam Hussein's son Uday, said the summit was tantamount to "a. comic play orchestrated by one of the most terrorist states in the world, namely the US."







An IDF crew evacuates a wounded soldier from the security zone yesterday.

### Security zone's 'Dizengoff' is targeted, too

BACKGROUND

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH'S recent wave of attacks, including yesterday's, have a double meaning in the on-going war of attrition it is waging against the IDF and the South Lebanese Army.

Hizbullah is demonstrating, as it has in the past, its ability to earry out deadly operations against the "occupying forces of the Zionist enemy." It is also sending a message to residents of the security zone, as part of its psychological war aimed at bringing about the collapse of the

the "long arm" of Hizbullah.

The bomb placed on a road that is considered the most secure in the zone underlined this message to both the IDF and resi

SLA, that nowhere is safe from

ents of the zone. The road, which runs from the

Turkish president

arriving today

Jerusaiem Post Staff

TURKISH President Sulcyman

Demirel arrives today for a four-

He is expected to sign bilateral

economic agreements, and will

meet with Prime Minister Shimon

Peres, President Ezer Weizman.

and Foreign Minister Ehud Ba-

rak. He is also to visit the Temple

Mount and Yad Vashem and will

Demirel will arrive with a dele-

gation of some 200, including the

foreign minister, members of par-

liament, university heads, the of-

ficial head of Turkey's Moslem

population, and businessmen.

address the Knesset.

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day official visit.

mand headquarters of the SLA and the IDF's Lebanese Liaison

Unit, used to be known as the security zone's Dizengoff Street. It was a road along which IDF troops, visiting journalists, and Israeli officials could travel with relative impunity. It is also one of the more pleas-

ant urban routes inside the zone, passing through villages lined with street lights, sidewalk shops and cafes, and workshops. There should be no surprise,

therefore, that for Hizbullah the Dizengoff Street of the security zone was a prime target - primarily because of where it is and what

Hizbullah has struck there in

oon, oarrowly missed hitting Chief of General Staff LL-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak when he was in the zone last September.

Another message can be drawn from the latest attack - that it could not have been carried ont without the collusion and collaboration of local resideots. This in turn points to an eveo

more worrisome pheoomeoon from the IDF's point of view: Hizbullah's war on the ground and its nnceasing propagaoda campaign, coupled with recent measures hy Lebanese authorities against the SLA and its commanders, appear to be bearing

The two-prooged assault, given "Good Fence" at Metulla, via the past with fatal results, and the concern of residents of the the SLA have paid such a high Klia, to Marjayoun and the com- according to reports from Leba- zone over their future in the price.

event of an Israel-Syria-Lebanoo peace accord, is adding to the pressure on the local populace.

The latest attack comes hard on the heels of the abortive hang glider attack and lunge car bomb

It also follows the cross border shooting that led four IDF soldiers to their deaths in another roadside bomb trap last Monday.

These events, apart from the escalation in long-range attacks on IDF and SLA positions, indicate that whatever restraints may have been imposed on Hizbullah by the Syrians, these have been

This might not be a direct message, but it could be one of the most important cooclusions to be incidents for which the IDF and

# PA Police arrest Izzadin Kassam deputy chief

THE Palestinian Police have arrested the deputy commander and two other members of Izzadin Kassam, and a possible Hamas-Kassam gobetween.

The three Kassam members - Abdel-Fatah Satari, Kamal Khalifa, and Salaam Abu Maaruf - are based in the Khan Yunis area and appear on Israel's 13 most wanted list for attacks on soldiers before the pullont of IDF troops in June 1994.

The fourth man, Abdullah Abdel-Fatah Duhan, is considered a Harnas official with close links to Izzadin Kassam. His interrogation could reveal whether Hamas gave direct orders to Izzadin Kassam, its military wing, to launch attacks, said Palestinian Authority Attorney-General Khalid al-Qidrah. This could affect the tolerant attitude to Hamas as a political

organization. Kassam, as an armed group, has been outlawed. Satari, 33, is considered the deputy chief of Izzadin Kassam, and is believed to have organized last year's attack at Kfar Darom. His

superior is Mohammed Dief, who is still at large. Satari has been on Israel's wanted list for six years and was with Imad Akel, then the most wanted member of Izzadin Kassam and the killer of 13 soldiers, when he was shot dead by soldiers two years ago.

Satari escaped and has headed Izzadin Kassam in Khan Yunis. Palestinian sources close to Hamas said that Satari had at least one meeting with Palestinian Aothority President Yasser Arafat after the January 5 assassination of Yihye Ayyash, in which he promised to maintain a cease-fire. It is oot clear whether he broke his pledge or

whether he was powerless to impose it. "It is unlikely Arafat would meet with the military wing," Al-Qidrah said, adding there is oo firm evidence against any of the four. "All of them will be investigated to see if they had engaged in illegal activities. Then a decision will be taken to try them."

Police are now searching for a man called Hassan Salameh, who is believed hiding in Ramallah and may have been in overall charge of the bombings. He trained in Sudan after fleeing to Egypt in 1990, Palestinian sources said.

Other action taken against Hamas includes confiscation of keys to mosques frequented by Hamas and their deposit with the PA Wakf, so that the PA can keep a closer eye nn activities in them, police said.

Prime Minister Shimoo Peres and Mai.-Gen. Oren Shahor, the government coordinator in the territories, have expressed satisfaction with the crackdown and are considering easing the closure within two

Palestinian officials are demanding that the closure be lifted or that Palestinians at least have access to the sea for fishing and to Egypt, from which they can import essential supplies such as flour, which has almost run out. Police bulldozed a memorial to Ayyash in Khan Yunis,

### Court: Attorney-general lacks authority to issue orders to IDF

THE attorney-general has no authority to order the chief IDF prosecutor to issue an indictment, the Northern Military Court ruled yesterday in a precedeot-setting decision.

The move came during the court-martial of Lt. (res.) Yehoshua Sadiel, who - on Attornev-General Michael Ben-Yair's order - was charged with negligence in the death of Haim Bar-Natan, killed by friendly fire during a December 1992 incident in Lebanon.

The incident was investigated by the Military Police, and the regional military prosecutor decided there was no reason for charges to be brought. Bar-Natan's pareots turned to Ben-Yair who decided Sadiel should be charged with negligence. After a lengthy battle, the judge advocate-general acceded.

Sadiet's lawyer, Dov Weisglass, argued that Ben-Yair had no right to issue the order, and the court

### Hanukka stamp – joint issue for US, Israel

THE postal services of the US and Israel for the first time are to issue a stamp jointly. Due to appear in October, the stamp will

commemorate Hanukka. Foreign Ministry officials said It will be the first Hanukka the visit is another milestone in stamp to be issued by the US the recent improvement in rela-Postal Service. The 32-cent stamp tions between the two countries, - announced over the weekend especially since the beginning of by Postmaster-General Marvio the peace process. Trade be-T. Runyon - was designed by tween the two nations almost Hanna Smutrich, a graphic-dedoubled last year, compared to sign instructor at the Corcoran the previous year, reaching about School of Art in Washington. She \$450 million, of which \$179.3m. used pieces of cut, colored paper to create a line of multi-colored **JUDY SIEGEL** 

Hanukka candles. The US plans to print 142 millinn copies of the stamp.

Israel Philatelic Services direcinr Yinon Beilin confirmed yesterday that an agreement in principle has been reached to produce a Hanukka stamp with the stamp design, but of course with a denomination in shekels and the usual Hebrew and Arabic lettering, in addition to the English. He said it has yet to be decided whether the Israeli stamp would be printed here or in the

The Americans, who have issued oumerous Christmas stamps over the years, decided to produce a stamp for Hanukka due to complaints from Jews that they had no stamp to mark their holiday.

larael has produced a stamp jointly once before: with Poland, to commemorate the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The US has previously done so with a handful of countries, including Sweden and Germany.

# IDF soldier killed by Hizbullah roadside bomb

**DAVID RUDGE** 

STAFF-SGT. Erez David, 19, of Caesarea, was killed and five other soldiers were wounded, one of them critically, in south Lebanon yesterday.

The attack which claimed David's life and wounded four of the soldiers occurred less than 500 meters from the Fatmah border crossing point, near Metulla.

Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb alongside their patrol, on the outskirts of Klia village, as they were traveling from Marjayoun to Metulla.

The device had apparently been planted io nearby olive groves, most probably with the collaboration of residents of the zone, even though those in Klia, a Shi'ite village, are considered to be close to Israel and the South Lebanese Army.

The route itself is used daily by hundreds of IDF troops and Lebanese civilians crossing into and oot of Israel, including those from Klia, many of whom work in

David, a graduate of the agricultural school in Pardess Hanna, is survived by his parents, Aliya and Nuri, loogtime residents of Or Akiva who recently moved to Caesarea, and brothers Meni, 16. and Tomer, 9. The time and place of the funeral will be announced

The wounded soldiers were

vacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said one of the wounded was admitted in critical condition, while another was suffering from serious wounds. He said the other two were suf-

fering from light to moderate wounds, and all of them had undergone surgery. Hizbullah claimed responsibil-

ity for the attack, as well as longrange mortar attacks early in the morning in the Beaufort and Ali Tahr regions in the eastern sector of the zone.

During the early morning bom-hardmeots, an IDF major was moderately to lightly wounded. He was evacuated to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital.

Hizbullah gunmen were also believed to be responsible for firing Sagger anti-tank missiles at an IDF convoy in the central sector of the security zone.

There were also reports of fir-ing at IDF and SLA positions in the zone's western sector, around Rashaf and Hadatha villages, for which Amal is believed responsible. IDF and and SLA gunners

blasted suspected terrorist targets oorth of the zone in response to the attacks. There were no immediate reports of any casualties among the attackers or any

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine went to the scene of the roadside bomb blast yesterday afternoon. He said the IDF would find the way and

means to respond. The last bomb attack in the same area, close to the border with Metulla, occurred in October 1988 when a suicide car bomb exploded alongside an IDF pa-

trol, killing seveo soldiers and wounding eight.

A senior source in Northern Command said the attack was the latest in a series by Hizbullah, including that last Monday in which four IDF soldlers were

The source noted that there have been over 100 incideots in south Lebanoo since the beginning of the year, and that there has been a marked escalation lately. "There's no doobt that Hizbullah gunmen have taken encouragement from suicide bomb attacks by Hamas terrorists inside Israel. There's also oo doubt that they are trying to carry out qualitative attacks against the IDF and SLA," said the source.

### Tsomet and Gesher are still at odds

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD negotiators yesterday made no headway in reconciling the differences between Tsomet and Gesher which are holding up agreement on forming a joint electoral bloc.

The two parties continued to pull the Likud in different directioos, each threatening that it might pull out of the deal it had negotiated with the Likud.

Tsomet refused to accept the memorandum of understanding signed with David Levy's people Thursday morning, and Levy

continued to maintain that the memorandum was a done deal.

From Tsomet's point of view Levy received far too much, and it came at the expense of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan. Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu teoded to side with Eitan, although Likud oegotiators are exasperated at what they describe as Tsomet's obstinacy and intransigence. The upshot was a war of nerves

in which both sides waited in see who would hlink first. (Continued on Page 3)

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The PLO, which was just a few

years ago a terrorist organization,

is now fighting terrorism." Peres said on ABC television's This

Week With David Brinkley. Arafat

understands that "if he wants to keep his authority he can't permit

another armed authority to be at

the same time at the same place."

Peres said "it looks like Hamas

has outsmarted him [Arafat] ... I

think Arafat will have to learn the

hard way whom to mourn and

whom to support," referring to Arafat's mourning of Hamas's

authorities for rounding up dozens of suspects. National Security

Adviser Anthony Lake said on the ABC program that "a lot more has

While praising the Palestinian

We would like to see very stiff

Lake said CIA Deputy Director

George Tenet had been sent to dis-

cuss ways to boost security measures with both Israeli and

Palestinian officials, and that CIA

Director John Deutch would stay behind after Wednesday's summit.

Yihye Ayyash.

to be done."

jjustice." he said.

US and Israeli officials praised Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat yesterday for his strikes against Palestinian extremists, with the reminder that the PLO chief's political survival

hinges on fighting terrorism.
We think we are getting 100 percent cooperation, but we are going to be monitoring it very closely." US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said after Arafat's security forces arrested several Hamas leaders on Friday.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said that in the past 24 hours Arafat "has shown already a real readiness to arrest the group which is in charge" of the bombing attacks. "He has arrested three out of the

six most important persons."

But Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu insisted that Arafat was still only offering token cooperation. "He has caught one fish or two fish but he has oot dried the pond," he said on the CNN's Late Edition With Frank Sesno.

Peres expressed qualified confidence that Arafat could do the job. saying it was "not on my agenda" to send the IDF back into the West

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Rajoub still Protective Security head Police, and I will follow whatever COL. Jibril Rajouh is still functioning as head of the West Bank orders I receive from President [Yasser] Arafat," he said.

Preventive Security Service after mixed reports concerning his Sheikh is in charge of criminal investigations in the West Bank. His replacement on Saturday.

Col. Hussein Sheikh, who said center of operations is in Ramallah, where Hamas is said to have shifted he had been informed that he was its operations from Hebron since to replace Rajouh, backed down the PA took control there. from this position yesterday. "I am an officer in the Palestinian

The PA never announced that Rajouh had been replaced, but it appears that he was reprimanded for not taking strong enough action against Hamas. It is likely that Arafat called Sheikh during a meeting with Rajouh, to make the point that he was replaceable, but never officially bestowed the job on Sheikh. Jon Immanuel

BOARD OF DEPUTIES of British Jews. Flo Kaufmann, Chairman of Israel Committee, with other deputies, to particl-pate in the British Solidarity Mission.

### In grief we announce the death of **RUTH GROSS**

née KORNER

--- on 20 Adar 5756, March 10, 1996

Husband: Nahum David Gross Children: Guy, Miri and children

Hillel, Navah and son Tehlia

YOEL Sisters: Rivka Sheridan

Shirley Korner

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Shiva at 24 Beit Zayit.

We extend our sincerest condolences to N. DAVID GROSS

on the passing of his wife,

RUTH

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Grandchildren: Sharon, David and **Amir Gliead** 

Family and friends.



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join the former Director General of Keren Hayesod Yaacov Gilead in mourning the passing of his wife

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and express sincere condolences to him and his family.

Shlomo Hillel

World Chairman

Moshe Gur Director General



New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, bere on a two-day visit, pays a shiva call yesterday on the family of Yoni Levy, killed in last Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem. "We must send a clear message to civilized people everywhere that terror it totally unacceptable," Giuliani said. He is to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres today.

### Arabs seek broader focus to terrorism summit

ARAB participants in Wednesday's Sharm e-Sheikh summit, uneasy that the Hamas attacks should prompt such an urgent international response their own problems received little nitention, are pushing to give a broader perspective to the meeting, diplomatic sources

"Terrorism is not the issue here. We're talking about an international conference to support the peace process and, based on this. we must meet or the peace process will collapse," Egyptian President Hosni Muharak said on Saturday.

"The situation is that the peace process is meeting very difficult problems, and we would like the wheel of the peace process to continue, which is why I asked for the conference,'

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the conference would not engage in practical matters, but would be more

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing, after long

illness, of our dear

**REG BARKER** 

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We mourn the passing of our mother and grandmother

FLORENCE CHAVEL

The funeral will take place today, March 11, 1996, at 5 p.m. at the Eretz Hachayim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh.

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Kahn, Beit Yitzhak

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Keren and Guy

Henriette Hullansky

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declarative. "The participants won't sign anything not pledges, not decisions, not steps to be taken, not structures, and not covenants. They will merely make political

statements," he said. He also stressed that "we will discuss the violence of both sides, not just our violence, but also that of the other side.

We are all against viulence which kills innocents ... We are now in the phase of discussing the rights of the Palestinian people and the negutiations are continuing on the Syrian and Palestinian tracks to achieve peace and an Israeli withdrawal.

"Obstructing these objectives through violence by the two parties is an unacceptable matter, and this kind of violence will be rejected," he added.

Moussa's remarks mirrored Arab concern that Israel would

steal the limelight from what they regard as the core issue - imple-menting the second phase of the Oslo accords.

Mubarak insisted that the summit would be more than an antiterrorism platform and is aimed at saving the Middle East peace process from collapse.

### Likud MK Ariel Weinstein dies of heart failure

LIAT COLLINS

MK Ariel Weinstein (Likud) died of sudden beart failure Saturday night at age 64. He will be huried in Jerusalem this morning.

Weinstein was a fifth generation Jerusalemite and is survived by a wife and four children. News of his death shocked MKs across the political spectrum. Gedalya Gal (Labor), chairman of the Finance Committee of which Weinstein was a particularly prominent member, said: "He died quietly in his sleep, the death of a righteous

Although not well known to the public. Weinstein was a very active parliamentarian in the past four Knessets.

His main concerns were economic, social and environmental

A qualified land assessor and chairman of the Land Assessors Council, Weinstein often raised bills aimed at lowering housing costs or ensuring housing for the

elderly. Oo economic issues, he often voted in committee against his party when the Likud line conflicted with his own view, although he remained a faithful Likudnik on political and security

matters. "A healthy economy is one of the foundations on which true peace and security can be huilt." he often said.

A former economic affairs reporter for Ma'ariv and a deputy chairman of the Israel Brondcasting Authority, Weinstein often wrote his own press releases to explain his many hills and parliamentary motions and questions.

With his typical good nature, he would joke with parliamentary reporters to explain his point. He had promised reporters to reveal his "campaign gimmick" this week, although his achievements spoke for themselves.

Among his former public posi-tions, Weinstein chaired the National Couocil for Accident Prevention; the World Zionist Organization's finance committee and the Amigur Public Housing Company. He reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the IDF.

Weinstein was one of the most active MKs dealing with socio-economic issues," Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss (Lahor) said yesterday.
"His death has left a void in

these important areas. Michael Ratzon is expected to be sworn in as a Likud MK next week, after the shiva for Weinstein. But Ratzon will have

little opportunity to prove himself as an MK since he joins the Knesset for its last week in ses-Petah-Tikva born Ratzon, 43, is married and the father of five. He has been a member of Herat since leaving the IDF with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Between 1983 and 1986, he was a Likud councilor in Petah Tikva, and between 1984 and 1992 he was chairman of the Young Likud.

### Yanai: IDF troops at crossing failed to detect bomber

the Karni crossing out of the Gaza Strip failed to detect

the suicide bomber who hlew himself up ar Dizengoff Center a

week ago, the army acknowledged yesterday.

OC Southern Command Maj.

Gen. Shlomo Yanai called it a "grave malfunctioo" and said those responsible would be pun-ished. He said the army was to impose more stringent checks at the crossing when it reopened.

For now the crossing, three kilo-

meters west of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, is shut. When it does reopen, Yanai said, a guard will be placed on each truck to make sure that oothing sneaks through again. He said only approved drivers will be allowed to use the crossing, and explosive detection equipment will be installed.

For Yanai, it was the worst failure since he took over Southern Command just over a month ago. This system failed in its mission, and the terrorist got out from here," he said. "It is clear that there was a grave malfunction.

The soldier who was supposed

to check [the truck] and did not is responsible," Yanai said, but

IDF troops guarding ARIEH O'SULLIVAN added that he bore overall responsibility ity. "We will assume all the neces sary conclusions regarding every

one connected to this." Yanai said the army never cavisioned a scenario where an Israeli would help a Hamas terrorisi sneak into Israel.

The idea that an Israeli would come here with the claim in the claim.

come here with the clear imention of collaborating with the terrorists on the other side is a concept that

on the other side is a concept that, to our regret, we believed incon-ceivable," Yanai said.

But last Monday, Said Suleimani, from a village in the Jezreel Valley, hid the suicide bomber carrying 15 kg. of explosive in the cabin of his truck haul.

ing scrap iron.
Yanai said that following the suicide bombing attacks at Ashkelon,
and in Jerusalem on February 25 the army, fearing terrorists might try to sneak in through Karm, closed the crossing for five days of install more security measures and increase the guard.

When it reopened, the number of trucks using the crossing was-limited to 200 instead of 600 before the bombings, but the bomber still got through.

### Amidror appearance before Congress vetoed by Peres

Jerusalem Post Staff

DEPUTY Chief of IDF Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror will not be testifying tomorrow before the House Relations International Committee, after Prime Minister Shimon Peres vetoed his travel plans, sources in Congress say, Peres reportedly said Amidror was needed in Israel this week.

The sources said they were dismayed by Peres's decision, ootiog that it would greatly damage Israel's information campaign against terrorism.

Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman initiated the hearings after the wave of terror attacks in Israel, to reconsider aid to the Palestinian Authority and to examine the extent of Arafat's cooperation with Israel in fighting terror. However, in the past few days,

AIPAC has been working with Israeli representatives in Washingtoo to deflate criticism of Arafar in Congress and prevent a decision that would threaten the cootinuation of aid to the PA.

Members of the committee, as well as Speaker of the House' Newt Gingrich, have met several times in the past with Amidror and heard intelligence assess-ments from him. They highly respect Amidror and therefore. took the unusual step of inviting him to speak before the committee, the sources said.

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Congressional sources who are close to the committee said that Amidror has demonstrated that he is an authority on terrorism and gives excellent hriefings. They also said he is an expert on the role of Iran in international terrorism. -

According to the sources, the Israeli Embassy recommended to. Jerusalem that Amidror be, allowed to make the trip. Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak apparently also approved the appearance. Peres vetoed the trip, however.

Instead, the committee will bear an affidavit submitted by Amidrorand be briefed by the PLO representative in Washington.

### Labor campaign staff holds first meeting

LABOR'S election campaign chiefs yesterday beld their first staff meeting at party headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Campaign chairman Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer began operating today from his offices there. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli decided to launch the official elec-

tion campaign in April, after the party primaries.

Until then Labor's campaign will be carried out by ex-partisan voluntary organizations and movements which support the government, such as Peace Now, Citizens for Peres, Dor Shalom and the Efshar organization. The campaign heads also discussed the weekend public opinion polls, which were better than they had expected. Michal Yudelman

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The guest of honor will be Gen. (Res.) Ori Orr, the Deputy Minister of Defense. Among those present will be Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt, the Chairman of the Libi Fund.

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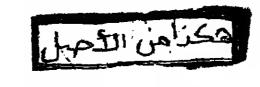
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One of the 25 Italians who came to Jerusalem to show solidarity with its residents gets a warm reaction from other riders on bus No. 18

Court hears petitions against home demolitions

# Italian visitors ride No. 18 to show solidarity

TWENTY-FIVE Italian citizens took a ride on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus line yesterday morning to show their solidarity with the people of Israel.

The Italians boarded the bus at the site of the second bus bombing last Sunday, near the Generali Building, named for a former Italian company.

They descended on Jaffa Road, where the first bombing had taken place the previous Sunday. "We are Italians from all walks of life who simply felt we had to be on that bus to express our solidarity with the Israeli people," said Marco Paganoni, president of the Italy-Israel friendship associations, who

led the group. There are 60 such friendship associa-tions in Italy, he said. Paganoni said the participants had come from Rome, Milan, Bari, and Turin, as well as many small towns. They left behind their families and jobs and flew here for the week-end. Many of the participants

had paid for their own trips, while others were sent by the friendship associations, he said. "The Israelis we spoke to on the bus said they were moved by our gesture, and we found this very

Earlier the group members were received by Mayor Ehud Olmert and met with Italian-speaking Deputy Mayor David Cassuto. They flew back home last

Yesterday morning at 6:20 a.m., about the same time of the two previous blasts, hus stops throughout

Jerusalem were guarded by armed troops. But commuters weren't entirely convinced. Taxis swarmed streets and dispatchers told clients they would have to wait up to a half-hour for a cab.

On one of the buses plying the early morning Nn. 18 route out of the Katamonim, there were never more than eight passengers - not counting the television crews, the reporters, a couple of right-wing demonstrators, and the soldiers guarding the bus.

All eight were on their way to work, except for a soldier headed to army reserve duty. None owned a car; all said they could not afford a taxi. "It's been terrible for morale," said factory work-

er David Yehuda, who has taken the same bus to work for 30 years.

"No one wants to take the bus," he said. "Usually you can't breathe, it's so crowded."

"I got off the bus that exploded last week, two stops before," said his neighbor, Shalom Waknin, who works at the King David Hotel. "You have to

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al petitions filed yesterday plus a fourth filed last week are slated to be heard today. The petitions beard yesterday came from the family of Labib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing on July 24; the family of Snfiyan Jabarin, who committed the bus No. 26 bombing in Jerusalem on August 21; and the family of Iman Seedar of Abn Dis, who recruited the terrorists responsi-

THE High Court of Justice yes-

terday beard three petitions

against the destruction of terror-

ists' homes, while three addition-

ble for two attacks in late 1994: The shooting attack in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva neighborhood and the snicide bombing opposite Binyanei Ha'nma in Jerusaleta.

· A petition by the family of Muhdi Sharif of Beit Hanina, who gave Jabaria the explosives used in the No. 26 attack, was supposed to have been heard as well, but was postponed until to-day due to lack of time.

The three other petitions came

from the family of Ibrahim Sarahna of the Fawar refugee camp near Hebron, who committed the suicide attack in Ashkelon two weeks ago; the family of Majid Abu Warda, also of Fawar, who

committed the first bus No. 18 bombing in Jerusalem two weeks ago; and the family of Abed el-Majid Dudin, who recruited Jabarin for the No. 26 attack.

Attorney Lea Tsemel, representing the Azem and Jabarin families, and attorney Jawad Boulous, representing the Seedars, argued that the long length of time which has passed since the attacks eliminates the deterrent value of destroying the bouses, since the army has always said the deterrent value of house destructions depends on them occurring

Destruction orders against the Azem and Jabarin houses were issued several months ago, but never implemented. Seedar has been under arrest since May.

Furthermore, the lawyers argued, if the army considered it unnecessary to destroy the houses before, there is no reason to do so now just because of the recent space of attacks. Boulous charged that the sudden decision to destroy the bouses was motivated not by security needs but by politics: The government needs to show that it is doing something.

achieve much more importance than [the army] gave it then?" Tsemel asked.

Government attorneys Yehuda Sbeffer and Yocheved Genesin responded that destroying houses is a drastic measure taken only when it is deemed truly necessary. Because of the six months of relative quiet following the No. 26 bombing - the two suicide attacks in November did not count, Genesin said, because they were not within the Green Line and fortunately resulted in no casualties - the army believed that the problem had solved itself, so such drastic measures were not

However, the events of the past two weeks have shown that this assessment was wrong, and that drastic measures are still necessary, Sheffer said.

"No reasonable commander would have done otherwise," he

With regard to Jabarin, Tsemel also argued that his identity as the No. 26 bomber had not been proven, since Jabarin's father claims to have seen him alive the day after the bombing.

However, Justices Gavriel "Can an event retroactively Bach, Mishael Cheshin, and Da-

lia Dorner appeared highly skeptical of this claim. Not only did both DNA testing and fingerprinting identify Jabarin as the bomber, they noted, but the man who organized the attack identified him as the perpetrator, the family erected a mourning booth for him, and no one else seems to

have seen him. Two of the three petitions submitted yesterday - that of the Sarahna and Abu Warda families also argued that the bomber's identity was not proven, since the army had in both cases had to redo the genetic profile tests, and the families were not allowed to identify the bodies.

The petitions also argued that destroying the houses would unfairly hurt the innocent families. Sarahna's mother, for instance, is a widow with heart problems and two remaining sons, one of whom is mentally ill and the other of whom also has heart problems, the petition said.

The Dudin family's petition, in addition to the argument that destroying the house punishes the innocent, also raised the argument about the long time that has passed since the attack.

The court is expected to rule on all seven petitions in the next few

# Umm el-Fahm deputy mayor placed under house arrest

UMM el-Fahm deputy mayor Dr. Suliman Agabriah, 39, suspected nf transferring funds from nonprofit nrganizations to the famlies of Hamas terrorists was placed under house arrest by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge George Kara vesterday.

moving," Paganoni said.

He was remanded last Thursday for four days after police said he received NIS 10 million annually in donations from Hamas organizations abroad over the past four years. The police asked yesterday for a further 14-day re-mand, insisting they have proof linking Agabriah to funds trans

ferred to families of terrorists. Agabriah had argued that the Islamic Reacne organization, based in Nazareth and Umm el-Fahm, and another non-profit association mainly provided financial help to orphans, but police countered that "orphans" were last on the organizations' list of priorities.

Police said they had seized a fax, sent from a Hamas organization in the US, requesting fund-ing for the family of Imad Akel, who was killed by Israeli security forces in Gaza last year.

Additional documents indicating that the families of suicide bombers, terrorists, and deportees were granted substantial financial aid were also handed to the court.

Agabriah denies all the allegations, insisting that the investigation is purely a political one.

Kara ruled that house arrest would not disrupt further investigation, and ordered Agabriah's phone line disconnected. He also barred him from using or renting a cellular phone or leaving the

### Palestinians boycott opening of Jerusalem police station

PALESTINIAN leaders boycotted vesterday's inanguration of the new police station in eastern Jerusalem, located in the post office building on Salah a-Din Street, just outside the Old City. A handful of Palestinians were invited to the ceremony by the Internal Security Ministry. The ministry declined, however, to reveal who was invited or comment on the boycott.

Internal Security Minister Mosbe Shabal confirmed that "Arab notables were invited." He said they did not come, "because it is Sunday," apparently in reference to the Christian sabbath that some of the invited Palestinians observe. Shahal did not

### **BILL HUTMAN**

"The Arab notables wouldn't have come no matter what day the ceremony was held," because their appearance would be viewed as collaboration with Israel, a senior ministry official said.

However, police believe that while the station's opening has political implications, it more importantly answers a need in the city's Arab community.

The atation, which is to be manned by many Arabic-speaking officers, will join the Kishleh station in the Old City, which Israel took over from the Jordanians after the Six Day War.

"For 29 years there was no Israel Police station in eastern Jerusalem. Governments came and went, but the police had no proper station in eastern Jerusalem, Shahal said at the ceremony.

"Into the vacuum created by this situation, all sorts of questionable groups, some nationalistic and some criminal, moved in," Shahal said.

There are unconfirmed reports of dozens to hundreds of Palestinian security agents operating in eastern Jerusalem.

"All that has ended today," Shahal said. "The enemies of peace ... whuld dn well to understand our determination to remain here and conduct normal

### Suleimani can't see lawyer

THE High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by Said Suleimani, the Israeli Arab suspected of bringing the Dizengoff homber to Tel Aviv, to be allowed to meet with his tawyer. The decison followed a closeddoor hearing and review of classified material. Evelyn Gordon

### Hebron redeployment plans suspended

AS a result of the recent terror attacks, plans to redeploy IDF forces from Hebron have been suspended, the commander of the Hebron area brigade confirmed vesterday.

The brigade commander, who was speaking with Israel Radio, nnted that it will still be possible to redeploy from Hebron by the time agreed with the Palestinians - the end of March - if such orders are given. The IDF is capable of implementing the order at any time,

Sources in the Central Command expressed enucern that withdrawal will lead to violent clashes between Jewish and Arab residents of the city.

### Insurance companies to foot bill for anti-car theft plan BILL HUTMAN

car theft plan.

# INSURANCE companies will included in the report earlier this

foot the multimillion shekel bill year by a committee headed by for implementing the police anti- minister director-general Ya'aed yesterday.

The cabinet set up a interministerial team including representatives of the Finance, Internal Security, Interinr, Transport, and Justice ministries to work out the final details of the plan within 20 days, according to a statement released by the Internal Security Ministry.

The plan adopted was the one

cov Lapidot, and representatives of several ministries as well as insurance companies. Shabal told reporters after the cabinet meeting that having the insurance companies pay was preferable to trying to find the funds in the 1996 budget. However, it remained unclear in what way car owners would ultimately foot the bill in higher insurance premiums.



Central Committee for the Election of the 14th Knesset and of the Prime Minister of the

### Submission of Candidate Lists for the 14th Knesset and of **Candidates for Prime Minister**

Pursuant to Regulation 16 (Alef) of the Regulations for the Election of the Prime Minister and the Knesset 1973, notice is given that forms for the submission of candidate lists for the Knesset and of candidates for prime minister, in accordance with Regulaton 12, will be available at the offices of the Central Committee in the Knesset building, Jerusalem, from Tuesday, March 12, 1996 (excluding Fridays) 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 2 - 6 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Only registered political parties are entitled to submit a list of candidates.

### **TSOMET**

(Continued from Page 1) Likud sources said they fear that by the time Levy and Eitan are softened up, the Likud will have lost precious points in the war for public opinion.

They described the entire quarrel as frustrating because, in the end, Levy and Eitan are after different portfolios, with Eitan wanting Defense and Levy the Foreign Ministry. The difference is a matter of prestige - who will take the place of the prime minister when he is abroad.

Both Eitan and Levy claim this position. Eitan maintains that after he had ceded the second slot on the list to Levy, it is time that Levy be less petty. Eitan argues that he must not be penalized because he was the first to sign an agreement with the Likud. Tsomet, he says, has shown it can win Knesset seats, while Gesher has yet to pass any electoral test and the polls indicate it might fail

miscrably. The unresolved differences resulted in the postponement of the first meeting in which representatives of all three parties were to have conferred together. The Likud's separate sessions with Tsomet and Gesher representatives are due to resume today.

Meanwhile, Wednesday's Liknd central committee meeting to approve the Tsomet and Gesher deals has been put off because of the Sharm e-Sheikh summit.

# Barak: public order, civil rights

must be guarded in times of crisis

### **BATSHEVA TSUR**

THE proof of a democracy lies in its ability to maintain public order and defend eivil rights in times of crisis, Supreme Court President Justice Aharon Barak

declared yesterday. "At a time of attacks like this. only near certainty that real danger will be caused to the public interest justifies restricting the right to freedom of speech and movement." Barak told a swearing-in ceremony for 13 judges at

However, "what may have seemed to be a far-off certainty in the past could possibly turn into a close certainty" at these times. Barak added. "These are circumstantial changes that have to be

taken into account." Turning to the new judges, Barak stressed the need for independence of the judiciary, even though judges feel the pain nn less than the rest of the public.



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# UN to NATO: Help in Yugoslavia

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MORE fearful Serbs fled lawless Sarajevo suburbs Sunday, and a UN aid official accused the NATO-led peacemaking force of failing to offer enough protec-

Two days before Ilidza was to be banded over to the Moslem-Croat federation, fires burned in a clothing factory and a pharmacy in the largely deserted Serb suburb. Dozens waited at a wrecked streetcar terminal for transportation to Serb-beld areas.

Serb thugs intent on proving that Bosnians from different ethnic groups cannot live together have been blamed for intimidation, arson and a reported murder designed to drive Serbs out of the two remaining Sarajevo areas not yet under federation control.

International police monitors have been told by "local sources" that more than 200 buildings and bouses would be burned down in the areas in the next 48 hours, spokesman Alexander Ivanko said

UN and NATO officials say Serb gangs apparently are being direct-ed by the hard-line leadership in the Serb stronghold of Pale.

The Serb mayor of Ilidza, Nedjeljko Prstojevic, appealed yesterday to anyone who owns a truck to assemble in the suburb today to help evacuate remaining civilians, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported.

International civilian officials said NATO should do more to respond to the security vacuum as Serb police withdraw or stand by because federation police are not yet in place. Military officials said they were doing all they could. A spokesman for the UN High



A group of elderly Serbs await buses yesterday in Ilidza, a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo, in order to leave before the area comes under Croat-Moslem rule tomorrow.

Commissioner for Refugees said increased NATO patrols in the areas were inadequate.

They are not sufficient. We would like to see more presence to stop the violence and stop arson." Kris Janowski said. "We would like to see as much security as possible, because it's essential for these people to be able to stay."

Gangs are going from house to

house in Ilidza, telling people to force had done what it could to encourage people to stay. leave, and desperate residents are coming to the UNHCR office say-"We do not perceive it as anar-

tection, he said. On Saturday, NATO officials The 60,000-strong NATO-led force has rejected police-style duties for fear of being drawn into tried to reassure Serb residents in Ilidza but acknowledged they could not guarantee security.

Mark Cutts, UNHCR's chief conflict with the enemy sides. Maj, Simon Haselock, a NATO spokesman, said the the peace

Serbs to stop laying waste to Ilidza and Grbavica, a Serb-held Sarajevo neighborhood that will be transferred to the federation March 19.

'We appeal to those who are trying to destroy the process of reintegrating the city to stop intimidating people into leaving and to stop destroying buildings and the livelihoods of those who envoy in Sarajevo, pleaded with the will remain," he said.

# Russian forces in Grozny claim victory, but at a price

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - The government claimed victory yes-terday over the huge rebel force that attacked the Chechen capital, but the assault left scores dead and further demoralized Russian soldiers fighting the unpopular

Government troops bave regained control of Grozny, and most of the Chechen rebels who launched the assault were gone yesterday, although bands of snipers continued firing on Russian positions.

A Russian Foreign Ministry official in Moscow told the Interfax news agency that Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev committed all 1.800 of his men to the assault, but the rebels failed to seize a single checkpoint in or around

But the deputy prime minister of the Kremlin-backed Chechen government, Abdula Bugayev, criticized government forces for allowing hundreds of rebel fighters to freely enter the city on Wednesday.

"For two days they behaved as if they were the masters and only on the third day federal troops and local police started resistance," Bugavey said on independent

Russian NTV. He said a criminal investigation bas been launched to find out who

"This war is crap," a Russian Interior Ministry serviceman who fought to drive the rebels out of Grozny told Associated Press

Television "We don't understand if the dity belongs to us or to them," said the serviceman, Andrei, who would give only his first name. "I think it belongs to them."

Although the streets were fairly quiet on Sunday, Russian soldiers manning the checkpoints were still nervous and expected another attack at any time.

"We live from day to day," Alyosba, a soldier who also would give only his first name, told APTV. "You can't plan anything."
Soldiers spoke of beavy losses

m the four days of fighting, the worst in Grozny in a year. They said Russian troops lost virtually an entire battalion in a battle on the city's outskirts.

Their burnt bodies are still there waiting for us to get them out," Alyosha said. Numbers of casualties have

been sketchy and contradictory. Russian Television reported Sunday that about 70 government troops bad been killed and 200 wounded in the four days of fighting - lower than some previous

The Russian government said 170 rebels were killed and more than 100 were wounded.

UN experts say

nothing found in Baghdad building

# China captures two hijack couples

BEIJING (Reuter) - Police at southern China's Zhuhai airport captured two couples who brandished dynamite and daggers in an attempt to hijack a domestic flight and divert it to Taiwan, the Portuguese news agency LUSA

The couples, accompanied by two children, tried to commandeer Hainan Airlines flight H4 180 with some 200 passengers on board.

They were overpowered by security officers during the flight,

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said LUSA from Macau, quoting airport sources.

The Chinese hijackers, armed with sticks of dynamite and dag-gers, tried to force the pilot to fly to Nationalist-ruled Taiwan, about 700 km east of Zhuhai.

An official from Zhuhai airport, near the Portuguese colony of Macau on China's southern coast. confirmed the hijacking of the Boeing 737 had ended without incident.

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been captured." "The state of emergency at the airport has been lifted," she added. She refused to give further

The incident occurred at a time of increasing tensions between China and Taiwan, with Beijing conducting a series of large scale war games in waters around the island to try to quash Taipei's drive to enhance its international profile.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

### 'Queen cutting down on royal privileges'

Queen Elizabeth is taking steps to curb the privileges enjoyed by the royal family in a bid to restore the monarchy's discredited and battered image, a Sunday newspaper reported,

chy," he said. "This is a migration

The Sunday Times said the queen, worried by indications that a tide of republicanism was beginning to wash over the nation, bad decided to restrict royal spending.

The concern is to make sure

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's that public money is used in a proper, responsible way," a royal source told the newspaper. The queen's attitude is not to be complacent but not to be too

On Friday, the queen used a scheduled train service to travel to an engagement outside London, rather than taking the special royal train, and sources at Buckingbam Palace told the newspaper that such trips would become more common in future.

She also stripped the right of tree postage enjoyed by the Duchess of York, the former Sarah Ferguson, estranged wife of Prince Andrew.

In 1992 the queen broke with centuries of tradition by agreeing to pay income tax and cutting the number of royals who received money from public corrers from eight to three. The Sun newspaper said that in

a telephone poll last week, 5,000 people said the queen should be the last British monarch compared to 3,190 who want the monarchy to continue.

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - United Nations arms experts found no prohibited documents or materials in a Baghdad government building they searched over the weekend, a

senior UN official said yesterday. "Nothing related to prohibited rograms was found." Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the Special Commission (UNSCOM) disarming Iraq, told

At least 25 experts searched the building bousing the Irrigation Ministry for seven hours on Saturday. They suspected trad had hidden in it documents related to its banned weapons.

About 40 international arms experts under veteran Russian inspector Nikita Smidovich were refused access to the building when they tried to enter on Friday. They camped outside the build-

ing in central Baghdad for about 18 hours. Baghdad allowed them in after a demand from the Security Council that Iraqi obstruction constituted a violation of cease-fire terms that ended the 1991 Gulf War over Knwait.

Duelfer said the delay could have diminished the possibility of the inspectors finding what they were up to: He said there was a lot of movement in the building but added it was hard to prove it was carried out during the standoff.

The multi-storey building is in the beart of Baghdad. The ministry has only recently moved

Duelfer said when the inspectors decided to examine the building they were not aware it was occupied by a ministry. Iraq views ministry buildings as symbols of Sovereignty.

The structure was previously

occupied by the Fao establishment, one of Iraq's largest stateowned companies which spearbeaded the country's post-Gulf War reconstruction drive.

"It is possible our information was wrong... I cannot say with certainty there was evidence of moving or concealing information prior to our arrival," Duelfer, an American, said.

Nonetheless, he said the UN still suspected Iraq was hiding "agents, ammunitions and probably missiles," and UNSCOM was determined to "pursue those questions vigorously."

#### "Super Tuesday" Dole looking past

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Senator Bob Dole, anxious to put the Republican nomination battle behind him so he can concentrate on beating President Bill Clinton, looked forward vesterday to seven more primary victories this week that could put him most of the way toward the presidential nomination.

Republicans hold primaries tomorrow in Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana and Oregon in what has come to be known as "Super Tuesday." With 362 delegates to the Republican National Convention at stake, the day had been viewed as a make-or-break test for the Republican nomination.

But Dole's string of 10 primary victories over the past eight days has turned "Super Tuesday" into little more than a formality. With conservative commentator Pat Buchanan and publisher Steve Forbes as his last remaining opponents, the Senate majority leader is expected to steamroll to victory in all seven

In Dallas yesterday. Dole made a low-key appeal to the heart of the religious conservative "Bible Belt." attending services at Prestonwood Baptist Church with his wife. Elizabeth, who addressed the congregation.

Although Buchanan has made the campaign's most open appeals to religious conservatives, Oklahoma Republican Sen. Don Nickles, a Dole ally, said he

believed Dole can appeal to that group as well as eco-

nomic conservatives. "I think Bob Dole is able to unite economic conservatives and people who are concerned about moral issues - social conservatives - more than anybody else in the race," Nickles told reporters on Saturday.

Nickles and other Dole allies have begun to attack Clinton on character issues. "We need a president of the United States who has character, right now we have a character for president," Nickles said in Oklahoma City on Saturday.

The 72-year-old Kansas senator, on his third presidential bid, has already begun looking ahead to what is shaping up as a tight election battle against Clinton. In recent days, be bas been focusing on foreign policy, which be clearly views as one potential

area of weakness in the president's record. In weekend campaign appearances, be criticized Clinton's policies on Cuba, the Middle East, Bosnia

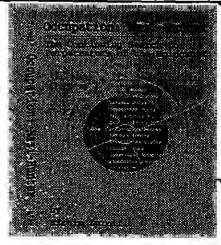
"When Bob Dole is in the White House and we have to send troops somewhere, I will make that decision, not [Secretary-General] Boutros-Boutros Ghali in the United Nations," Dole said at an Oklahoma City rally on Saturday, repeating one of the most reliable applause lines in his campaign stump speech.

### OCCUPATION: NAZI-HUNTER

The Continuing Search for Perpetrators of the Holocaust

The renewed interest in the efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of the Holocaust was sparked by revelations that Allied countries such as USA, UK, Canada and Australia had afforded a postwar haven to thousands of Nazi collaborators. Efraim Zuroff, director of the Israel Office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and coordinator of the Center's research on Nazi war criminals, discusses in his book how Nazi-hunting was revived in the seventies, how it was carried out in the eighties and whether it can continue in the nineties.

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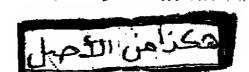
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# Heartbeat of Japan

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

he loincloth-clad members of Kodo get quite a workout in performance. But they aren't athletes, they're musicians. Welcome to the world of Sado Island, the site of a kind of Japanese musical kibbutz devoted to the art of the taiko, a tradicional Japanese drum which comes in many shapes and sizes.

.. New apprentices are trained and the company rehearses for its extensive tours – in a communal atmosphere shaped by militarystyle discipline.

"We get 20 to 30 requests every so year, of which we accept about 10 to 12," says company director Takashi Akamine. "At the end of that year we do auditions and eventually one or two make it to lii Kodo.

It all began in 1981 when a group who had come to Sado
Island a decade earlier made their professional international debut at the Berlin Festival.

Now, 15 years later, Kodo is one Gof the most sought-after music -trensembles in the world and its eu members tour about four months each year. They are currently in bi the middle of a two-week run at London's Sadler's Wells Theater, after which they will come here, for the first time.

Kodo has a dual meaning in Japanese, explains Akamine, speaking by phone from a London

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The first is "heartheat, the primal source of all rhythm. We believe that the sound of the great taiko drum resembles a mother's heartbeat as felt in the womh. In Japan babies are put to sleep with vethis particular music. Kodo also 10 means children of the drum."

Tu All Kodo members live on Sado as Island. The bachelors reside in Kodo village while the married ri ones live nearby. A typical day at -a the village, Akamine explains, has beavery strict schedule.

"We start with breakfast at 7:15. We take turns cooking; we share household duties. After the meal we clean and then from 9 to 6 we practice, with one lunch break. Dinner is at 6:30 and then there is free time in which you can continue practice or do whatever you

Things are loosening up, how-ever. Their strict way of life is no longer mandatory, for example. We believe that every member of Kodo knows best how to take care after himself and how to always be in shape. We have our daily life but we don't force anybody to follow it precisely.

But restrictions remain for apprentices. "Their life is organized for them. It's like a monastery with no smoking, no drinking and no TV," he says.

ANOTHER tradition that is slowly changing regards female drum-mers. Kodo is a very men-oriented company, we hadn't had women drummers for a long time. We always had a female dancer, but no drummers.

Now there are three female drummers who "work very hard because it's a strenuous performance and they bave to work hard to prove themselves to all the

Kodo members perform "a mixture of traditional and contemporary music. Some members write music for the company and there are some outside musicians who contribute too."

There is more to a Kodo evening than mere music making. "On stage our performance is unique. Visual expression is quite an important part of our artistic presentation, it's a very physical show, strenuous work and they all have to maintain the tension through the show. The performances usually last about 100 minutes without intermission, not counting the encores which can



It takes tremendous physical conditioning to play the taiko, a traditional Japanese drum.

last for an additional hour.

Kodo's major source of income is touring, as well as its eight CDs and two videos. Touring is occasionally partially subsidized by the Japanese government but on the whole Kodo does not depend on state funding.

Then there is extra income from

special projects like recording the sound track for Claude Van Damme's Hard Target or for Universal's The Hunted, a ninja movie starring Christopher Lambert, John Lone and Joan

Kodo performs at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv on March

A performance in Gaza is also being considered, at the request of the Japanese Embassy here.

19 and 25 with further perfor-

mances March 23 in the Mikhaal

Amphitheater on Mt. Gilhoa

March 23, and at the Jerusalem

International Convention Center

March 24.

# Turning a Page from his past

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Then Gothic Voices sings its final note here. not all the lingering echoes will be musical ones. The visit will have a very personal resonance for Christopher Page. founder and leader of the UKbased medieval music ensemble.

"My parents met each other in Jerusalem just before the State of Israel was horn. They met at the Italian Hospice and got married at St. George's Cathedral. Now 1 will be able to visit these places." says the 44-year-old musician in a phone conversation from his Cambridge home. The group is making its debut here later this week as part of the Authentica

"We grew up on memories of Jerusalem," Page continues. "And although I'm not a religious man, being a taxi ride away from Bethlehem is something I would not miss for the world."

Musically, it promises to be an unusual journey as well. "It will be interesting to perform the music for an Israeli audience. It's the first time we have ever performed outside a Christian cultural context," Page explains.

He formed Gothic Voices 15 years ago, while a medieval literature professor at Cambridge University.

"The music of the Western world has been extraordinarily experimental, with almost everything it has been given being eventually changed," he says. "Our music is part of the continuing Western experiment of polyphonic music and therefore it has an important place in that devel-

Page elaborates that this particular music grew out of the social structure of the time in France and England.

"Virtually all culture was in the hands of the clergy, who exist in a bewildering variety of forms. They are the people who perform

It is, then, Sera's willingness to

the music on the whole. And so the background of the music is in the life of the clergy."

Not all music at the time was religious, however. "Everybody sang. But we don't have notations of the songs of soldiers who sang as they marched, or women as they rocked their cradle. The secular music we perform is still from within the world of the cler-

He adds: "The structure of the priesthood is incredibly complex. from the pope to the boy wbo serves at the altar. And they were all singing."

Page makes constant comparisons between the musical traditions be researches and the ones of early Israel.

"I would say that we know about as much concerning the performance of this music as we know how sounds were performed in the Temple, which means we don't much at all. So we have to reconstruct it with patience and love as best we

Page acknowledges that authenticity could be a rather dangerous concept, even when performing medieval music. "I don't know if what we do is authentic, I wish I knew. We try and make it bistorical as far as we can, but true authenticity comes from within one's own self."

In contrast with other medieval music ensembles, "we don't use a hattery of curious instruments, percussion and all that sort of thing, which had no place in the serious music-making of the Middle Ages, Music was just for singers then, which is different from the music which was performed at the Temple in Jerusalem.'

Gothic Voices will perform at the Jerusalem Theater on Thursday and two days later at the Noga Theater in Jaffa.

# The lost weekend as a permanent

LEAVING LAS VEGAS

Ultilen and directed by Miles Figure Based on the novel by John O'Rice Hebrew titles La appy et Las Vegas, 112 minutes, English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Children under 17

Nicolas Cage Jisabeth Shue gj Uri ...

is skin sallow, jaw slack, basset-hound eyes pleading, Nicolas Cage gives an M enormous, excruciating performance in Mike Figgis's Leaving Las Vegas, and one that's all the more remarkable for its anguished attempts at humor.

Until now, Cage has always \_\_played the clown ~ flexing his furry eyebrows and jutting his soft chin to broad cartoon effect. Amazingly enough, be does the same thing here, as an alcoholic Hollywood screenwriter who loses his job, burns his belongings and drives to Nevada, where he intends to drink himself to death. What's most potent about *Leavi*ng Las Vegas is the way that Ben, Cage's character, keeps pushing for laughs, straining grotesquely to make light of his dark situation.

On the other hand, he knows perfectly well what he's doing to himself: his decision to die is made consciously and stated no front, in the even tones that might be used by a terminally ill cancer patient, planning calmly for the

So Ben's masochism is at least two-fold. Not only is he willfully

killing himself by slugging back whole hottles of bourbon in a single sitting, he's making himself pathetic - murdering every last trace of the smart, verbal, funny man he clearly used to be. At times, this seems calculated too. as it ben mought the shortest cut to suicide were simply to act like an idiot - to stand too close, talk too loud, and topple blackjack

Adapted by Figgis from an autohiographical novel by the late John O'Brien (who shot himself two months after optioning the book), the film is at once harsh and tender, repellent and engrossing. And almost impossible to enjoy. Indeed, at times Leaving Las Vegas seems very much the hrainchild of its aggressively

FILM REVIEW **ADINA HOFFMAN** 

sloshed anti-hero, torn between wanting the audience's affections and shoving us rudely away. But its wake, a palpable ache

impers on. The film is actually a love story about the raw relationship between Ben and a clear-eyed prostitute named Sera (Elisabeth Shuel - whose name is obviously meant to suggest an angel, a seraph. She's a peculiar character, at once a standard-issue whore-witha-heart-of-gold and a very actual and down-to-earth person. Shue plays Sera straight and unapologetically, with real poise, as a woman whose seemingly limitless love dictates that she let Ben do

what he wants, which is kill him-

There's no sentimental attempt made to explain why she's a hooker (just as we don't know what first led Ben to drink), or to rescue her from her sordid career. mussed blonde hair and girl-nextdoor smile. Sera looks pert as she announces that she's got to get dressed and go to work. She means no irony, though to judge from her tone, she might he talking about her cashier's job at the local Dairy Queen. At the same time, hers is not some sanitized, faniasy form of prostitution. In one extremely brutal scene toward the end, we see just the sort of debasement to which she's vul-

be horribly mortified (by among others, her Latvian pimp, played grimly by Julian Sands) that hrings her so close to Ben. She herself doesn't want to die yet, but she understands viscerally his symbolic cross Sera wears around her neck, the film is hardly an earnest Christian allegory about the redemption of lost souls. Part of what's so powerful and distressing about the movie is Sera's rueful understanding of the scant chances for Ben's salvation. But there's always salvation the Hollywood way. While Figgis captures beautifully the desperate. sad fumblings of these emptiedout, whittled-down peuple, he stumbles in his efforts to turn their

ever Israel Theater Prize (ITP)

statuette, in a ceremony that will be shown live on Channel 1.

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romance. The movie is shot on grainy color stock, with frequent, moody black-outs, and loving close-ups reserved for the sexier scenes. The mellow sound track is made up of slow-dance standards, jazz pieces, composed by the What, though, are we to make of

story into a classic hig-screen

this Bogart-and-Bacallifying of a delirious drunk and no-nonsense street walker? Figgis wants us, it seems, to see Ben and Sera's love as pure, despite everything else about them. But there's something mawkish and finally dishonest about a picture that strains so hard to be gritty and tough and then beatifies its lovers in the same old wishful fashion.

### Monodrama: Chip off the Bloch

vt f it hadn't been for a remarkable Catholic priest, Florence Bloch might never bave come lo to Israel, never explored Judaism, syand certainly never anticipated ni stage fright next Friday when her Molly of the Sands debuts at the 1996 TheaterNetto at the Suzanne 18: Dellai Center (March 14-17).

141 i It's a multicultural collaboration - u among Bloch, her director, and Is fellow Parisians, Isabelle Startier who's getting ready to immi-be grate," and expat Algerian play-Andly is based very loosely on

James Joyce's Molly Bloom, but ribis Molly is a half-Jewish, halfik Arab Moroccan brought by her arab husband to live in Paris. Far i) from the customs, the traditions and the freedoms of her little village, Molly must contend with a new and alien environment.

A teenager growing up in Paris, "I was looking for something to belong to." Bloch says. So she teamed up with a Christian community action group headed by Father Michel Clemencin. at her high school. She was the only

lewish girl in the group.
When Bloch fold him that she was lewish he said that I belonged to a great people with an incredible past. He encouraged me to find out about my Jewishness. We sat and read the Bible together, and we started at the very beginning, with

That led to a year in Israel followed by three years as the semior counselor of French Hahonim Youth. This involved "creating educational programs which helped the kids – and me – redis-cover their Jewish roots and become curious about Zionism. Like me, most of them came from

totally assimilated homes." Then it was time to come here. Her parents, says Bloch, were so relieved that she hadn't become a Christian that they were almost enthusiastic about her commitment to Judaism.

BLOCH, 30, is slim, with long black hair and big brown eyes. inherited from her Tunisian-born mother. Her faultless Hebrew still has traces of a Parisian accent. She is a comedienne with an effortless and awesome sense of timing and what will make people laugh. She appeared at the Acre Festival while still a theater student at Tel Aviv University, and her 1992 portrayal of Herzl's psychiatrist enlivened the otherwise

inert Jewish Opera. "I always loved to make people laugh," she reminisces, "and I bave pictures of me dressed up entertaining the family. I know when I'm funny and when I'm not. When the audience laughs,

that's my joy and my adrenalin."

She graduated in 1992 and was snapped up by the Jerusalem Khan Theater, where she's still a company member and appearing as the very pregnant wife of a cop in the black comedy There's a War

Outside. In a few months' time, though, she'll be able to dispense with the cushion because Bloch and her new-immigrant husband, actor Remi Bleihtren, are expecting their first child. Bloch is both excited and a bit apprehensive. The pregnancy and the show are

both so new. Bloch has always shied away from monodrama "because I did-

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n'i feel l was ready. What, an audience should come to see just me on stage? But then Eran [Baniel, the Khan's artistic director] brought Isabelle and me logether, and we clicked."

Startier also told Bloch that she saw Molly of the Sands as a series of dialogues between Molly and characters from her past and her present. Bloch plays Molly and 14 characters "so it's material I'm familiar with. The characters are comic although the play isn't."

Molly of the Sands is in good company. This year's TheaterNetto is mostly a vehicle for a term. They include Should

for stars. They include Shmuel Viloszny with A Jew in Durkness (Yehudi Behoshech in Hebrew). about the confession in 1685 of a priest who discloses his Jewish heritage and a forbidden love: Idii Tepperson in Middle Age (Bedmi Yameiha in Hehrew), about a young woman who falls in love with her mother's former lover: Shimon Lev-Ari performing hs own version of the Oedipus myth in Oedipus in the Sky and the octogenarian dance pioneer Dvora Bertonov in the quasi-autobiographical A Sackful of Longings (Sak shel Gu'aguim in Hebrew).

Other players include Roy Horowitz in My First Sony about a family breakup. Albert Amar with Evensong (Bisha'at Hune'ilu in Hebrewt, in which a secular Jew claims that prayer belongs to him too, and Tahal Ran in Where's

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Ruthi?, a play about sexual abuse. Actors in the 12 plays will com-pete for the NIS 10,000 Nissim Azikri Prize.

### statistic, the theater community has finally done what it's been talking about for years. On April 24, a parade of winners will march onstage at Tel Aviv's Duhl Auditorium to pick up their first On their toes

the Ruyal Ballet, one of the

nerable, nightly.

Leading classical ballet companies in the world, makes its Israeli debut this June, and tickets are likely to go quickly. The company presents five per-formances of its spectacular pro-

duction of Swan Lake, in Caesarea on June 22, 24, 25, 26, and 29, with each night featuring a different pair of soloists.



### The Knesset

Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12, 1996, permanent entrance permits to the Knesset will not be valid from 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Entrance will be restricted to visitors with invitations and special name tags for the following areas: Main entrances, Knesset plaza, vestibule of the Speaker's Office,

plenum hall, VIP gallery, public gallery, lounge, hall and parking

TANTUR PUBLIC LECTURE Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies Thursday, March 14, 3:45 p.m. Frans Jozef van Beeck, SJ Professor of Theology, Loyola University, Chicago Belief in God and Privilege: Are the Faith-Traditions (Jewish, Christian and Muslim)

and Modern Monotheism the Same? Tantur Auditorium, Hebron Road, towards Bethlehem, at Gilo junction. Parking. Buses 22 (to Bethlehem) and 30 (through Gilo) stop at the gate.

### Theater community pats itself on the back

n astounding 60 percent of the population chose the theater as their preferred leisure activity in a recent Gallup Faced with this heart-warming

ductions annually and (few) commercial theaters "recognition of those creating theater is long overdue," said Cameri Theater general manager and ITP control committee member Noam Semel. A 100 strong academy will

decide the winners of 17 caregories. The academy members will be drawn equally from the theater, press and repertory committees, and will include previous Israel Prize winners in the arts. The award categories include best play, actor, sopporting actor, playwright, young talent, director and a special award for life achieve-Helen Kave

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### Welcome frankness

SRAELIS owe a debt of gratitude to Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa. Unlike some of his colleagues, he eschews diplomatic double-talk and presents the Egyptian positioo plainly and honestly. On Saturday, ignoring the public relations blitz emanating from Jerusalem and Washington, be declined to hail Wednesday's international conference in Sharm a-Sbeikh as a great historic milestone intended to signal Israel's integratioo in the Middle East.

Instead, be told the truth: that the participation of Arab regimes in the conference does not mean that they will cooperate with Israel on security issues; that Wednesday's gathering will result only in a political (and therefore meaningless) declaration; and that the summit's main purpose is to assure the "continued momentum of the Arab-Israeli peace process on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and self-determination for the Palestinians.

Moreover, the summit will not be limited to discussions of the most recent terrorist incideots, be asserted. It will address "aggression oo both sides, oot just on one side," and deal with the general problems of the peace process, including the closure imposed by Israel oo the territories.

Moussa's attitude was echoed by Yasser Arafat's adviser and spokesman Marwan Kanafani. In an interview with Independent Media Re-

view and Analysis (IMRA) yesterday he said, "Most of the leaders are referring to the conference not only as a conference on terrorism but rather to promote the peace process and remove the stumbling blocks, including Israeli actions which have burt the peace process."

How serious Arafat himself is about combatting terrorism can be surmised from yesterday's revelation by military commentator Ze'ev Schiff in Ha'aretz. Mohammed Dahlan, the Palestinian Preventive Security chief in Gaza (and planner of the Munich massacre in 1972), knew well in advance of Hamas's intention to mount a major suicide operation, Schiff asserts. He neither arrested the Hamas "military wing" leaders nor tried to talk them out of perpetrating the atrocity. All he asked was that they postpone it until after the Israeli elections.

Even after the first bus bombing in Jerusalem on February 25, Dahlan did not arrest those responsible for masterminding the bombing, but continued negotiating with the Hamas terrorists, including Mohammed Diff, who heads Israel's wanted list.

The photo opportunities at the Sharm a-Sbeikh summit will undoubtedly be impressive. and its declaration against violence, terrorism and all other hateful things will probably be unexceptionable. But Israel may find itself forced by this show of solidarity to accelerate its withdrawal, thus making itself more vulnerable to terrorism than ever.

### Facing up to Iran

ATE is better than never, so while Europe's call on Iran to denounce terrorism "once and for all" is long overdue, it is more than welcome. Words, however, are a cheap and devalued currency in the Middle East, and the European Union must follow np its initiative with enough clout to make the demand stick.

Initial gloating by certain Islamic circles in Iran over the terrorist onslaught visited on Jeru-. salem and Tel Aviv has seriously undermined the subsequent attempts by Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to distance the government from clerical praise of the outrages. If Iran is indeed being rattled by mounting world outrage over its tacit approval and more than tacit support for mass murderers operating in the name of Islam, it still has a long way to go to redeem the country from the ranks of the lowest international pariahs.

Europe and Japan have long infuriated the US with their dogged pursuit of the policy of "constructive engagement" based on the idea that dialogue with Iran is more effective than isolating it. This is a policy which has its merits in certain cases but it has also been discredited by spectacular disasters in this century when "engagement" has become appeasement or, even worse, collusion with civilizatioo's enemies. In the most recent example, from which Europe and Japan have been slow to learn, the world had to pay a heavy price to dismantle what commercial greed and bypocrisy had built by "constructive engagement" with Iraq.

Though the new European stand unfortunately comes too late to be of any comfort to the victims of Islamic terrorism, its timing at the end of Iranian elections has some merit. While analysts are still busy poring over the entrails of the convoluted and heavily manipulated poll, there are signs of growing disaffection with the fundamentalist lunatic fringe that enforces its right to be the Iranian government's "spiritual" guide. Iranian newspapers suggest that less than 30 percent of members of the outgoing assembly have retained their seats, and ultra-conservative clerics hopefully will be the main losers.

The alleged battle between the secular and the fundamental in Iran has always been something of a farce, linked to commercial public relations for gullible Western consumption. Yet it was interesting to see a woman reporter from the CNN network reporting openly yesterday from the streets and clerical colleges of Qom, the spiritual heartland of Shi'ite Islam in Iran. Of special interest were the theologians proclaiming that Islam has taken a wrong turn by its association with violence.

If this is a small sign of religious as well as secular reaction against the wild men of Islam, then it should tell the Europeans that it is the American policy of tough isolation of rogue governments, not appeasement, that achieves results. Until Iran, and Syria, make that "once and for all" turn from the road of terrorism masquerading as foreign policy, the diplomatic and commercial screws must be tightened, not

### THE JEWS FROM ETHIOPIA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - No more applicants need apply for the 1996 Hutzpa of the Year award. The award is being retired permanently in tribute to Minister of Absorption Yair Tzaban. whose comments on the problems of the Beta Israel community were reported on January 30.

Mr. Tzaban complains about government failure to consult the Ethiopian community about its needs. Mr. Tzaban has apparently forgotten that he was chairman of the Ministerial Commission of Inquiry on the Falash Mura issue. No Ethiopians were appointed to his committee, allegedly on the grounds that they could not be objective because their own relatives might be involved.

The article also states that Mr. Tzaban believes that the Ethiopian community's problems are compounded by lack of recognition from the rabbinate. One can only admire the artistry of Mr. Tzaban's hutzpa in raising this issue. Rabbinic advisers to his committee urged that the Falash Mura who wish to return to Judaism be allowed to make aliva. The supposedly liberal Labor and Meretz members of Mr. Tzaban's committee rejected the rabbis' recommendation, reversing the prior favorable decision of the Likud government Rnhinstein Committee.

Sir, - It has been almost three months now since I returned to the US from a one-year post-doctorate at the Hehrew University, and I must say that I have missed reading the Post. Kol hakavod to your Inter-

net edition! Unfortunately, the news is a sad reminder of the darker side of life in Israel. I rode that same bus route No. 18 scores of times, especially on

Sundays. (Of course, no place is

Moreover, as previously reported in The Jerusalem Post, the chief rabbinate's committee on the spiritual absorption of Ethiopian Jews, as early as 1993, recognizes the community in Addis Ababa as a Jewish community. And no wonder, this religious community is shomer shabbat, shomer kashrut, prays daily in a synagogue it built itself, wears kippot and tzitzit and runs a yeshiva, which all the children attend. I think the problem for our devontly secular and selectively lib-

eral minister may be that the community suffers from too much rabbinic recognition, not too little. Mr. Tzaban has been unable or unwilling to overcome the scandalously ineffective efforts of the Interior Ministry and Jewish Agency to grant immigration visas to the few members of this distressed Jewish community his committee was willing to accept. Fortunately, he has recently announced his retirement from politics. For Ethiopian Jews

who were victimized by his inepti-

tude, the resignation is four years

JACK A. ZELLER, Vice-President, Washington Association for Ethiopi-

an Jews

Silver Spring, Maryland.

### UNIVERSAL TERROR

too late.

truly free of such insanity, as Oklahomans had the misfortune to witness firsthand. We are now being put through the wringer again by the legal maneuvering in the OKC bombing trial, which has now been

moved out of Oklahoma.) I pray that God will grant us all freedom from hatred within our lifetimes.

LOWELL R. MATTHEWS, Ph.D. Stillwater, Oklahoma.

### **CYNICISM**

Sir, - In the aftermath of the bombing of bus no. 18, I feel a strong sense of dejà vu. Once again 1 hear the same reports on the radio and see the same horrific sights on

Just as predictable are the statements by our leaders, especially the assertion that "this will oot stop the peace process." Since every new tragedy makes a mockery of the brase, surely a more accurate and less offensive title would be "separation process" or "partition process." Let's call a spade a spade there is a process in the works, and the best we can hope for is that somehow it will prevent our enemies from inflicting harm, and let us get on with our lives in relative safety. But to "console" bereaved families with the sentiment that despite the death of their loved ones. 'the peace process will continue" is the height of cynicism.

SHULAMITH BERMAN

### THE OLD 'POST'

Sir, - Perhaps Misha Louvish's defense of the "old" Jerusalem Post impartiality (Letters, February 25) would not have been so spirited had he taken the trouble to make the same survey of the signed oped arti-

cles as he did of the leading articles. The signed articles have many more readers than the editorials; in the signed articles, the "old" Post followed a policy of printing only those opposition viewpoints which it could "clobber" in another signed article. The last article left the greatest impression on the readers.

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oeed FBI specialists, or a new edi-

tioo of the useless Patriot in the

form of explosive-sensing devices?
And will Iran and Syria be impressed by this new Peres-

It is far more likely that at this

very moment, bearded planners

are preparing some blood-cur-dling "answer" to the challenge

co-produced by the "big" and "small" Satans at Sharm a-Sheikh.

To seasoned Israelis the exercise

is transparent. The conference is

indeed the opening shot of a battle

- for Labor's reelection. Its results

will contain as much real sub-

stance as the tanks now posi-

tioned, strictly for display, oo the

Its impact will be as lasting as

the closure which will soon inevitably be lifted; as the deten-

tion of tetronists apprehended by

Israel, who will be released in the

next wave of Oslo-dictated par-

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those coovicted in Arafat's courts

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of Hamas institutions (in Hebron,

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after the scheduled delivery of the

town to Arafat); and as the "sepa-

ration" plan nobody knows how to

The tragicomic character of this

charade is well illustrated by con-

sidering a short list of steps that

will never be taken. Neither the

conference oor the government

will consider them viable. Why?

For the simple reason that any-

implement.

and as the make-believe sealing

and released within weeks.

Green Line borders.

Clinton extravaganza?

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Peres's extravaganza

ELYAKIM HA'ETZNI

For starters, nobody will even Yet there is no escaping a basic question: How can a Peres-type suggest taking the only effective measure on which Arafat cannot creative" concoction, the kind cheat: the extradition of wanted which made international news on murderers to Israel Instead, Peres will demand Palestinian Police the White House lawn, in Davos "arrests," which he knows is a farce. and Munich (Peres: "I am a There will be no widening of the Bavarian"), and which will now be adorned with exotic keffiyehs and golden galabiyas, contribute

It would be nice to say that the conference on terror will do no harm, even if it does no good. Alas, one cannot

narrow strips of land Israel has left itself on the Egyptian and Jordanian borders, strips which cannot effectively prevent the passage of terrorists, weapons and explosives. Israel must particularly have sufficient depth on the Gaza-Egypt border, where smuggling tunnels which begin on the gyptian side end in areas under Arafat's control.

will not be replaced by a comput erized index of all persons photographed demonstrating against Israel, making condolence calls for slain terrorists, delivering speeches, writing, teaching, preaching, collecting funds and donating for purposes hostile to Israel, and their sympathizers, supporters, belpers and their families.

Anybody included on this black list would be barred from setting foot outside Zone A. Those apprehended would be deported or sentenced to three years' imprisonment - in preference to the meting out of the morally wrong, politically harmful and altogether unsustainable collective punish-

Such measures for punishing and deterring enemies would reward those who want to live in peace with us. But they will be automatically ruled out - because Arafat cannot tolerate them. It is also certain that the "free pas-

sage" from Gaza to the Palestinian Authority areas in Jodea and Samaria will not be closed, and that Israel will not cancel the VIP passes which give the highest security classification to those with the worst terrorist records. Nor will traffic from and to Gaza be restricted to escorted convoys only, the way Gush Katif's Jewish residents are forced to travel.

And there will be no expulsions or arrests affecting the base of the terrorist pyramid - the "political" wings, the institutions and societies for religion, education and charity - neither in the areas under our control, nor on Arafat's territory.

There will also be no end to releases of jailed terrorists, nor any controls put oo incitement and hostile propaganda disseminated by the Palestinian media and in school textbooks and curricula. And no one will even dream of

examining containers unloaded in Ashdod, destined for Gaza, in which the PA can import anything from small arms to armored vehicles. There will be no mention of the ..

vast quantities of coment trucked; into the Palestinian cities of refuge. There is no control over how much of it is used for building bunkers and fortifications in the seven "Beiruts" situated on our doorstep. It would be nice to be able to say that Wednesday's conference, while doing no good, will at least IT IS certain too that the closure do no harm. Alas, even this is not himself will be participating assures barm.

Arafat is the godfather of terrorism, the orator of the jihad speeches, the man who, just days ago, conducted a fake trial, thereby extricating the dispatcher of the suicide bombers from extraditioo to Israel.

Arafat is the leader who organized sympathy railies, a 21-gun salute and condolences for the "Engineer," Yihye Ayyasb. The mere fact of his appearance at the conference will render it fraudulent and deceptive.

Peres, architect of a show whose exterior glitters but whose core is rotten, agaio seems to have learned oothiog and forgotten oothing.

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# Fit of fury from the right

passes all understanding why right-wing politicians and some of their journalist advocates should have gone into such fits of fury over Prime Minister Peres's confirmation of the statement that Hamas's outrages were meant, inter alia, to halt the peace process by bringing about a rightwing victory in the next elections.

In the first place, the right-wing parties aren't being accused of anything except opposition to the Oslo peace process - and that they openly proclaim on every possible occasion. No one has even hinted that in this they are moved by anything

but the sincerest patriotic motives. They believe that the continuation of the Oslo process would be disastrous for Israel, and hope to prevent disaster by winning the premiership and a right-wing majority in the Knesset.

Nor is it a secret that Hamas and its allies are also opposed to the peace process - though for exactly the opposite motives.

They believe that a compromise between Israel and the PLO is liable to prevent the realization of their strategic aim: the destruction of independent Israel and its replacement by an Arab Islamic state stretching from the Mediterranean to the Jordan River.

Their immediate tactical aim, therefore, must be to halt the Oslo process in the hope that the Palestinians will then have no alternative but to support Hamas MISHA LOUVISH

Hamas might hope to succeed hy killing so many Jews that even Peres and his government will have to halt the peace talks. They may more reasonably hope to succeed, however, by undermining support for Peres and ensuring an electoral victory for Binyamin Netanyahu and the right, who are

Why all the fuss about the premier's agreeing that Hamas is working for a Likud victory in our elections?

pledged to halt the Oslo process. Surely there is nothing controver-sial in this analysis, which relies on obvious facts.

Nor is it oew: As Post reader 1. Bar-Nir reminded us in his letter nf March 8, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made a comparison between the short-term policies of the Likud and those of Hamas. He wasn't, of course, impugning the motives of the right; he was merely referring to the de facto objective significance of its attitude.

It is natural that right-wing politi-cians should feel uncomfortable

about the idea that their immediate tactical objectives and Hamas's are practically identical. But that is no excuse for wild talk of "blood

libel" and dark hints of conspiracy. As David Gilboa of the IBA news department has testified, it was the Israeli broadcasters who pressed for the interview with convicted terrorist Mohammed Abu Warda, for obvious professional

Having Prime Minister Peres watch the interview enhanced its interest. His reaction was as lowkey as it could possibly be: he simply said he wasn't surprised by the story of Hamas's motivation, implying that he had heard it

Was he lying? His statement was confirmed oo ITV's morning magazine by Justice Minister David Liba'i, who said it was hased on information received by the government before the broadcast. Liba'i's evidence was repeated on the evening TV news.
On Media File, screened nn

TV's Second Channel on March 9, Roni Daniel from Yediot Aharonot said that he had heard similar views from Hamas spokesmen he

had interviewed. The right's propagandists would do well, therefore, to lnok for another whip to beat Shimon Peres with. This one is totally unconvincing.

The writer is a veteran member of the Labor movement.

## Nasty pretense

A. M. ROSENTHAL

or nations as for people, one question is always available to find out whether a past decision was right or a mistake. Would we do it again?

I doubt there are any Israelis who would not now agree that it was a bad mistake to turn over to Yasser Arafat the responsibility for antiterrorist action in territory from which Israeli forces had withdrawn.

The result is achingly plain. The decision, made io Oslo in 1993, allowed terrorists to shovel arms and bombs into Gaza and the West Bank, train there, theo cross into Israel to murder civilians. It also put into jeopardy the very withdrawal that Israeli negotiators and much of the Israeli public wanted to achieve, boping it would bring

The escalation of terrorism was foreseeable from the beginning. High Israeli officers I know were borrified. To expect Yasser Arafat, the man responsible for killing Israeli civilians from Gaza to the Olympic village in Munich, to risk his life and new political power to protect Israelis from terrorism was self-destructive fantasizing.

It could have been prevented if Israeli government leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres had insisted on the logical safeguard before signing any with-drawal agreement:

The job of fighting terrorists in territory turned over to the Palestinian authorities would remain an Israeli responsibility until the Palestinians showed the will and ability, both, to deal with them.

That would mean stationing some Israeli antiterrorist forces in the major cities of the West Bank. For Palestinians it would have been the price of the Israeli withdrawal that they logically expect to lead to independence. Considering that Israel was demanding virtually nothing else in exchange for the territory and the road to nationhood, the withdrawal would have remained a world-class bargain for

Palestinians. Naturally, the Palestinian-run terribory so far, Gaza, six of the seven West Bank cities and the land around them - became a military storehouse, safe haven and launching pad for the terror-

Guns by the tens of thousands were smuggled into Gaza from Egypt over land, by sea, and by numels. Also brought in, according to the courageous Jerusalem Post, were np to 1,500 land mines whose explosives were intended to be used in portable

RECTIFYING the error is the only worthy memorial to the terrorist victims. Israel would have to resume control of antiterrorist action throughout the West Bank and Gaza. Yes, that will delay withdrawal oegotiations eveo longer than the bombings already have. Better that than keeping the nasty pretense of Palestinian protection for Israelis.

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Israel and the US must also expose the propaganda campaign about the good-guy Hamas "moderate" wing and how it should be helped. Weeks ago, Israeli intelligence warned that the campaign would take place. This weekend Hamas will no doubt push it on 60 Minutes and today io the newspapers.

The "moderate" Hamas wing does not exist. Any twaddle that Hamas committed the bombing to kill the "peace" negotiations is more self-delusion. It knew that Israeli leaders. Yasser Arafat, and President Clintoo had said nothing could do that, including earlier bombings.

Hamas wants to get credit with those Palestinians who see withdrawal as a step toward destruction of Israel, and strengthen its position in the new post-withdrawal Palestine

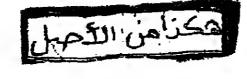
Israel is cracking down on ter-rorists in West Bank villages still under its control. But it has not moved to take over antiterrorism in the cities from which it has already withdrawn.

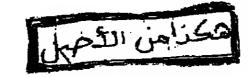
Arafat will sooo be off to the international conference on terrorism. Perhaps he might bring along some of the Hamas top terrorists he imprisoned, convicted and let go to bomb again another day. Maybe he can introduce them to world leaders who are expected to attend.

President Clinton sends equipment to Israel for antiterrorist wnrk. Good. But will he also insist, as the latest State Department whitewasb of the Palestine Liberation Organization indicates, nn sending more American millions to Arafat, who only talks antiterrorism?

Americans should hope, and Congress demand, that Clinton tell Arafat the US has been there, done that, looked at the results and said, well, no, not again.

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# The Prison Odyssey of Sol Wachtler

In September 1993, Sol Wachtler, then 64, after resigning in disgrace as New York State's Chief Judge, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 months in Federal prison for harassing Joy Silverman, o woman with whom he had had an affair. This nationally prominent jurist was about to get an inmote's view of the American system of crime and punishment. Following are excerpts from his prison diary, which Mr. Wachtler intends to incorporate into a book. He kept the journal at the medium-security Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, N.C., and later at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn. At both prisons, Mr. Wachtler underwent treatment for manic depression, the disorder he was diagnosed as having at the time of his crime.

#### By SOL WACHTLER

ept. 28, 1993 — Day 1 I wish I had the gift of description — the ability to find the words to describe my feelings this morning. As I was facing this apogee of my shame, I was hoping that there would be no press to greet me - no pictures taken to feed the hungry maw of the tabloids - to further embarrass my family and friends.

No such luck. As the vehicle transporting me pulled up to the prison in Butner, N.C., the first thing I saw was the cold, gleaming and menacing razor-wire fence surrounding the squat gray buildings. The second was the cameras and microphones. "Not nearly the oumber of reporters who were waiting for Jim Bakker, the evangelist," the warden later told me, "but then again, he

was from around here." I was met by four guards who searched and handcuffed me. The duffel bag that my wife, Joan, and I had packed so methodically the day before was taken from me, and I was led, hands manacled behind my back, down a long corridor to the prison receiving office.

After being photographed and fingerprinted, I was introduced to the stunning invasioo known as the "strip search." Of course, I knew what a strip search was - I had written about this procedure in more than one of my court opinions. But knowing what it is, and even knowing the necessity for it, does not prepare you for

the degrading experience of being stripped oaked in front of strangers who then examine every crevice and orifice of your body. I had been told that an essential reason for the strip search was to humiliate the newly arrived prisoner as part of his introduction to prison life. Dehumanize would be a

1 expected to be led to a cell. What I didn't expect was to be put in solitary confinement, which, at Butner, is the same as disciplinary segregation. But that's where they led me.

Ten years ago, as a judge on the New York Court of Appeals, seated in my magnificent, mahogany-paneled chambers. I wrote an opinion in the case of Wilkinson v. Skinner. Wilkinson was a prisoner suing

Skinner, who was a county sheriff. The prisoner was complaining that being put in segregation for a five-day period constituted cruel and unusual punishment. Writing for the court, I observed: "Merely confining an inmate in a segregated cell does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment. There are, of course, some cells that are so subhuman as to constitute such punishment even for a very brief confinement. One day in some cells might be constitutionally intolerable." When I wrote that opinion, would I ever have dreamed that one day I would be confined in segregation - not for five days but for well over a month?

### **Solitary Confinement**

Sol Wachtler enters prison in Butner, N.C.

I was soon to learn just how intolerable such confinement could be when I was escorted to "seclusion" - a row of 10-foot-by-12-foot cells, each with its own steel sink and toilet. Against one wall there was a metal rack covered by a three-inch-thick, cloth-covered pad -This was the bed. The door was solid steel, with a small vertical slot to allow the guard to peer in. A kneehigh horizontal slot was used for food trays.

Before being locked in my cell, I was placed in a shower stall with a steel barred door and again stripsearched. Then I was issued an orange canvas jumpsuit with matching sneakers.

I was again handcuffed and led to my cell. And then I heard them — the occupants of the other "sechision cells. One, called "dogman" by the guards, howled like a wounded canine, another screamed "Shut up!" Another sang a tuneless melody with the words "silver threads and golden needles." Several kept screaming "Officer! Officer!" and all seemed preoccupied with a need for "smokes" and "matches." Many simply pounded on their doors. One shouted about the shortcomings of totalitarianism, and still another told the

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By the time New Yorkers voted, it seemed hardly necessary. Above, faceless Republicans on Manhattan's East Side on Thursday.

### **Early Returns**

# First, the Winner; Now, the Voting

By RICHARD L. BERKE

FTER a buildup that lasted three years, the Republican Presidential campaign came and went in a four-week blur that had a shorter run than Colin Powell's book tour.

Primaries in most of the largest states are still ahead, of course, and Senator Bob Dole still has to th Patrick J. Buchanan and Steve Forbes, who could even win some contests — and who vow to torment him all the way to San Diego in August.

But on Friday, Mr. Dole pronounced himself the 'presumptive cominee," and even Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Forbes could not quarrel with that title.

It was a faster-paced primary season than even Mr. Dole had hoped for. And it was far from what the

leaders of both parties envisioned two decades ago, when they sought to replace the smoke-filled back rooms at political conventions with a system where ordinary voters could have more say. Because the process was compressed by the early

schedule of contests this year, the group that actually voted for Mr. Dole may not have been representative of the Republican electorate - or any electorate: When he emerged Tuesday night as the likely nominee, Mr. Dole had received the votes of 1,108,967 people in 18 states - about the population of Idaho.

The Verdict, Please

It was as if the Republicans who voted were antsy jurors who did not want to get bome late for dinner: they rendered their verdict with great haste - and not that much deliberation.

They did not have much choice. Although the cootenders did their usual fawning over voters in lowa and New Hampshire, they barely had time to do more than broadcast advertising in the many states that held rapid-fire, often simoltaneous, contests. By trying to upstage one another by moving up their primary dates, New York and other states accomplished the opposite of what they had intended: they gave lowa and New Hampshire an even more disproportiooate role thao before in choosing the cominee.

Mr. Dole, for example, spent less than 24 hours in New York before flying off to the next primary. The closest he came to Delaware was through a phone hookup; that state and Louisiana moved their contests so far up that Mr. Dole and most other candidates stayed away, fearful that voters in New Hampshire,

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### Survival Instinct

# Alone or Not, Israel Strikes Back

By SERGE SCHMEMANN

**JERUSALEM** FTER the fourth human bomb, this one in the heart of Tel Aviv, brought to 6I the toll in tattered victims, the anger and grief turned to despair. Many Israelis who bad put their faith in the peace with Palestinians felt betrayed - by Yasir Arafat, by Shimon Peres, by all the foreign leaders who bad insisted that peace would bring them security. Once again, many seemed to feel, in their immediate anguish, that Israel was

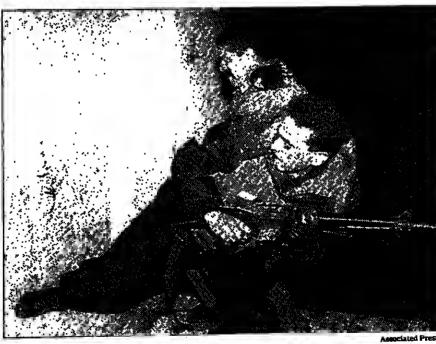
waging "total war" and was alone. Radio stations shifted to patriotic songs from the early days of the Israeli state, wheo survivors of the Holocaust defiantly plowed fields with rifles on their backs and the national slogan was, "All the natioo is an army." The Government's crisis measures revived the old dream of totally separating Jews from Arabs. Soldiers sealed off Palestinian towns and villages and buildozers began raising walls along the "green line" between Israel and the West Bank.

Capturing the public mood, Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of the conservative Likud, declared, "the idea that Arafat will be our subcontractor to fight

terrorism won't work." A Government official, watching messages of support and condolence pour in from around the world, growled: "They're always sorry for us when we're victims. Where we want their support is when we strike back. It'll be ugly, and I hope they don't start squealing then."

Yes, ugly events seem inevitable. Israeli tanks stand watch at the West Bank frootier. There is talk of deportations, of destruction of houses, of hardship for Palestinians barred from working in Israel But this is not the whole story, for by week's end the outside pressure on Israel wasn't so much to restrain its attacks against Islamic militants, but to restrain its impulse to act alone. American intelligence agents were urging Israelis and Palestinians to share information for the crackdown on Hamas; President Clinton said he

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Palestinian police search for a suspected Harnas militant in Gaza City.

### Foreign Intrigue

Ireland and the Middle East pose political perils for a peacemaker President.

By Alison Mitchell

Around the world, the 'wretched refuse' of distant shores gets, at best, an ambivalent welcome.

By Timothy Christenfeld

Republicans in Congress struggle to fashion an agenda and a strategy to get it passed.

By Adam Clymer



# The World

# Running After the Cold War

By ALISON MITCHELL

WASHINGTON T was only two months ago that President Clinton unveiled a concise election-year vision of a post-cold war foreign policy: the United States as "the world's very best peacemaker."

He went on, in his State of the Union address, to cite his own achievements in this role: restoration of a fragile democracy in Haiti, the cease-fire in Northern Ireland, an American-brokered peace pact in Bosnia and a series of agreements in the Middle East.

Indeed, a campaign video for Mr. Clinton shows the handshake between Yasir Arafat and Yitzhak Rabm on the White House lawn; it is still being shown months after the Israeli prime minister's assassination.

And this week, the President will attend a summit of world leaders in Egypt to review anti-terrorism measures and try to revive a Middle East peace process shattered by bomb attacks on Israel.

If Mr. Clinton's high-profile diplomacy shows the immense personal stock he is investing in peace in the Middle East, the urgent need for such a summit also demonstrates the political dangers of measuring foreign policy success in fragile triumphs in long, intractable wars abroad. --

The peace in Northern Ireland suffered a setback last month when bombs ended a 17-month cease-fire. And a debate is already simmering inside NATO over whether the Administration's plans to withdraw American peace-keeping troops from Bosnia this year will allow the violence to flare once more.

To a large extent, the problem for Mr. Clinton is that without the organizing principle of the Soviet threat it is harder to formulate and carry out foreign policy and to articulate America's interests overseas to an electorate turning inward.



Clinton and President Aristede: trying to help.

"I don't think what is happening is a mark that the U.S. has been pursuing misguided policies," said Richard H. Uilman, a professor of international affairs at Princeton University. "They are hard issues." Just last week Mr. Clinton's National Security

Adviser, Anthony Lake, felt compelled to answer those who, he said, "in a curious bit of cold war nostalgia complain that our policy lacks a single overarching principle." In an address at George Washington University, Mr. Laka said: "The same Ideas that were under attack by Communism and before that under attack by Fascism remain under attack today as we have seen in the Middle East. Now as then we are defending an idea that has many names - civility, tolerance, liberty pluralism - but shows a constant face, the face of a democratic society."

Still, the specter of missiles pointing toward America had a way of concentrating the mind. The American public had a guiding standard in judging a Presidential hopeful on foreign policy: how he would handle the Soviet nuclear threat. Was Barry Goldwater too trigger happy? Would Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to seek the Vice Presidency, be able to push the button?

#### Simpler Concerns

But these days, the public's interest in foreign policy has turned more toward issues like trade and immigration. And most Americans may simply be asking: Is the President strong and constant, someone who won't embarrass them abroad or lead American soldiers into unwanted entanglements?

Certainly those concerns are what Senator Bob Dole has been playing to on the campaign trail when he stresses "experience, leadership, judgment."



With Irish Prime Minister John Bruton: still talking.

Even when he was a candidate in 1992, Mr. Clinton's lack of military service raised doubts among some voters about his ability to be Commaoder-in-Chief. Then, in his first 18 months in office, he did little to reassure them that he could be strong and steady.

In Somalia, the Administration expanded a humanitarian mission into an undeclared war against one clan leader, Mohammed Farah Aidid, and then retreated after 18 Army Rangers died in fighting. In Haiti, when Mr. Clinton dispatched the U.S.S. Harlan County

### It helps to be head of state when running for President. But things can fall apart fast.

to Port-au-Prince to help make way for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the ship turned back when confronted with armed thugs on the docks.

And while Mr. Clinton said in campaigning that would use air strikes to stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, he backed away in the face of opposition from the European allies as the brutal Balkan war dragged on. Ultimately, the Administration found in both Haiti and Bosnia a mix of force and diplomacy that is

working for now. Mr. Aristide returned to power under the aegis of American troops. A peace accord policed in part by American peacekeepers was achieved in Bosnia. In his State of the Union address Mr. Clinton translated his



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foreign policy — before variously described in such turgid diplomatese as multilateralism or enlargement of the sphere of democracy - as "the fight for freedom and peace throughout the world."

Foreign policy analysts still debate sharply whether Mr. Clinton has articulated a role for the United States that can command public support. They also question some of his foreign policy priorities.

"The Secretary of State has been to Damascus 17 times and Beijing once," said Casimir Yost, director of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy. "That seems to me the measure of the priority attached at senior levels of the Administration to these issues and relationships." Mr. Yost says the United States should put more emphasis on Japan and China and less on places like Northern Ireland.

it is China, after all, that now looms as perhaps the most delicate challenge for American diplomacy, with conflicts bubbling over China's missile tests near Taiwan, human rights abuses, trade issues and Administration charges that China has exported materials used to make nuclear and chemical weapons.

For now, Mr. Clinton's aides revel in what they describe as the President's new comfort with exercising American power. They note that he has been willing to take unpopular stands such as dispatching American troops to Bosnia and has pursued peace even in the face of setbacks and risks.

"Every President, every candidate for President bas particular tests," said one Administration official. "I think what people look for with President Clinton is strength and standing oo principle. And to the degree he does that - even though the particulars may be tough - it's an important aspect of his overall picture in the country as a leader."

Alien Expressions

# Wretched Refuse Is Just the Start



A sinister view, by the cartoonist E. S. Bisbee in Harper'a Weekly in 1871, of immigrants boarding "The Modern Ark" for America.

By TIMOTHY CHRISTENFELD

OB DOLE, in his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination, talks about illegal immigration as a "flood." Patrick J. Buchanan calls it an "invasion." This meeting of the metaphors offers a quick summary of the images that Americans invoke in discussions of immigration. Other countries have their own meta-

In the Uoited States, as in many European countries, one consistently neutral metaphor for immigration is water. Immigration is a flow, a flood, a tide, a wave, an influx, a stream, a tsunami, or, after restrictions, a trickle. Immigrants are drained from their bomelands. They wash up like "wretched refuse" on the shores. The country is inundated, swamped, submerged, enguifed, awash.

Another common metaphor is the natioo as a house and the immigrant as a visitor knocking at the door or the window, standing at the threshold or in the backyard.

A more menacing metaphor, especially popular in the United States, is the military one. Two weeks ago during the candidates' debate in New Hampshire, Mr. Buchanan said, "When you have one, two, three million people walking across your border every year, breaking your laws, you have an invasion." (Of course, it isn't an invasion if the "people walking across your border every year" happen to be the 250,000 essential farm workers approved by the House Agriculture Committee last week.)

The proponents of Proposition 127 in California, the successful 1994 ballot initiative to cut off social services to illegal aliens, also relied on military metaphors. Ruth Coffey, the head of Stop Immigration Now, said just before the election, "I bave oo intention of being the

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object of 'conquest,' peaceful or otherwise, by Latinos, Asians, blacks, Arabs or any other group of individuals who bave claimed my country."

This rhetoric of immigration as invasion has roots in the nativist movements of antebellum America, which culminated in the Know Nothing Party. In 1850, a Know Nothing paper, declared that Catholic immigrants "march and countermarch with the precision of regular soldiers, at the tap of the Popish drum." (If the Know Nothings had prevailed, Mr. Buchanan's Irish ancestors would not have been allowed to come to the United States.)

### Weeds, Whelps, Dirt

British politicians, with a strong sense of their country as an island, also use water metaphors for immigration. But while those who wish m appear neutral talk about tides and waves and flows, those who oppose immigration use more insidious liquid metaphors.

In 1978, Margaret Thatcher commented that she could understand that British citizens might feel "swamped" by immigration. Recently her words have been echoed by Tory extremist Stuart Millson: "We have bad an unnatural multicultural society imposed on us. Creeping into every part of our national life today is a wetness and weediness that would have been unimaginable 50 years ago."

While mainstream Germans, like other Europeans, talk about immigration in terms of rivers and floods and doors and windows, farright Germans speak of filth. One neo-Nazi leader in Chemnitz, talking about immigration m 1992, said, "In the Hitler era, Germany was something good, something clean, something hig and powerful. Now we're covered with dirt." Another Chemnitz extremist said, "We're going to clean up this country. No foreigners, no filth, no drugs, no pornography, and work for everyone."

These metaphors of pollution expose not only cootempt for immigrants but also a fixation on a pure nation, which has few close parallels in Britain or the United States.

In China the uncomplimentary expression for a migrant laborer is "zaizi," meaning a young animal or whelp, but with the same feeling as "bastard" in English. The implication: foreigners are, like bunny rabbits, pro-

What's striking about Japanese vocabulary for immigration is that there hardly is any, as befits a traditionally closed society. The one word the Japanese do use to refer to either immigrants or emigrants is "imin," and it is horrowed from Chinese.

How people talk about perceived threats gives clues about how they view their homeland. As water metaphors reveal a nation-asisland, and filth metaphors reveal an obsession with purity, the French habit of discussing immigration with metaphors of disease reveals an implicit conception of France as a body, and particularly as a female body.

### The Fragile Body

In France, the far right National Front's original program, in 1972, stated that the party opposes immigration because "it imperils the health of the French." Another reactionary leader wrote in 1985 of "the immigration plague," and said that immigration "could become a mortal threat." Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front's leader, wrote in 1984 that "some French regions were literally gangrenous because of the foreign invasion."

Mr. Le Pen then extended his metaphor one step further, suggesting that France is threatened not just by disease but also by rape. "Tomorrow," Mr. Le Pen wrote, "the immlgrants will be moving into your house, eating your food and sleeping with your wife, your

# Israel Asks, Can 'Them' Be 'Us'?

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would attend a regional strategy meeting in Egypt this week to confront terror.

To fear being alone again was a From their history, they have long taken the lesson that in the end they can depend only on themselves. They had staved off hostile Arab armies alone, and more than once. And even if the Lebanon invasion of 1982 and the Palestinian "intifada" in ensuing years showed the limits of raw force. there remains among Israelis an enduring sense that goes beyond security or revenge: that their country, whatever the cost, can oever allow itself to appear weak to the Arabs by abandoning the option of force.

And now there seems a new danger. "Israel now stands at the front line of what threatens to become a world war between Islamic fanaticism and the humanistic world," the writer Amos Oz a prominent advocate of peace, wrote in Yediot Ahronot. Arrest every Hamas and islamic Holy War operative, urged the conservative newspaper Maariv in an editorial; confiscate their possessions, if necessary pursue them into Palestinian territories, give them no respite. "All this is a clear-minded opinion, without hysteria, with the knowledge that it is us, or them."

Yet as the days passed, some people began to ask what this meant. "Them" was no longer the massed hostility of all the Arab states and their supporters in the Communist and "non-aligned" bloc. The Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt and many other Arab states joined in condemning the Islamic fundamentalists (who threaten them no less than Israel), and the United States rushed to reassure Israel.

Even as he ordered harsh reprisals against the Palestinians, Prime Minister Shimon Peres repeatedly asked whether there was any realistic alternative to the process of making peace with the Palestinians that he began with secret meetings in

"If it was not for Oslo, there would still be intifada, there would be war in Lebanon, there would be people

with knives," he said. And Israel would once again be alone, he might have added.

Many people also began to notice that despite the great anguish everyone felt, there had been no mass natural reaction for Israel's Jews. demonstrations as in the past and no attacks on Arab neighborhoods. Mr. Peres sank in the public opinion polls, but only to levels that prevailed before the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin created a wave of

sympathy. People here also know that the Israel of 1996 is far different from that of 1948. Its army is the strongest in the Middle East, its economy is larger than those of its neighbors combined, and booming. It has successfully absorbed 700,000 new immigrants in five years. Kings, presidents and prime ministers are almost weekly visitors to Jerusalem.

And Israel's enemies are no longer "the Arabs" who sought to wipe Israel out of the Middle East, but a small chutch of violent zealots who can hurt, but not destroy, the Jewish homeland.

To be sure, the dangers raised by the bombings are far from over, and there is no telling who will win the May 29 election or whether the Israeli-Palestine peace will survive. The massive Israeli crackdown is fomenting new tensions in the Palestinian lands, making Mr. Arafat's standing increasingly tenuous. Above all, there remains the chance of more bombings. But already some things are clear.

The refraining from hysteria and the subdued internalized tears these are the two components of the Israeli citizen's language of mourning in the middle of the 1990's," wrote the popular Yediot Ahronot in an editorial. "It is an Israeli who has witnessed a change in his standard of living in the last 10 years, in expectations, in a feeling of the strength, security and stability of the country in which he lives, where he is now proud to live.

These are very fundamental things that endow all of us with the feeling that the country is not "finished,' no matter how many buses will explode and how many beastly acts will occur. This is where the Israali silence comes from."



An Israeli soldier arrests a suspected Hamas militant in the West Bank.

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# **The Nation**

# G.O.P. Congress Faces A Downsized Agenda

By ADAM CLYMER

WASHINGTON
Congress this week after the Super Tuesday
primaries. If it does, the lesson will be what a
difference a year makes.

Last year the Republicans in Congress had an agenda and a strategy. Most of the bills on the agenda did not become law, and the strategy of using Government closings and a potential default on the national debt to force President Clinton to sign them not only failed; it backfired. Even so, it was the most purposeful first session of a Congress since 1965.

But so far this year, when Congress has not been out of town resting, it has proceeded at a desultory pace marked by false starts and long weekends. "After last year, what fascinates me is how much the whole effort has become ad hoc," said Thomas Mann, a Congres-

# Last year the Republicans had a strategy. This year they have long weekends.

sional scholar at the Brookings Institution. "They don't seem to have a clue about how to extricate them-

Last week, the only wisp of strategy seemed to be the old failed brinkmanship. But while a year ago it may have been rational to expect President Clinton to cave in, it is a discredited approach today because he held firm. Most Republicans expect their side to blink, pass a stopgap spending bill and raise the legal ceiling on the Government's debt — and without significant While House concessions.

Some Republicans do talk hopefully of reviving the stalled clauses of the Contract With America. But when they tried to put forward a bill to reduce the impact of Government regulations last week, the effort failed because the freshmen put in charge of the measure

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ignored the environmentalist Republicans. Facing defeat, the bill was awkwardly withdrawn.

Other efforts may go further. Republican leaders in both Houses have made it clear that the line-item veto measure, which would enable Presidents to veto particular spending items they dislike rather than an entire bill, will emerge from a House-Senate conference where it has languished for months. And House Republicans expect to go along, largely, with the Senate's more limited approach to reforming lawsuits.

#### The Buchanan Effect

There are other non-Contract items with a fair chance of becoming law, like reducing levels of legal immigration, making health insurance portable from job to job, and raising the ceiling on how much Social Security recipients may earn without losing benefits.

Those items all relate to the squeeze on the middle class. Inspired, or frightened, by the campaign of Patrick J. Buchanan, politicians in Congress have tentatively added "downsizing" and "corporate layoffs" to the political vocabulary.

That is where the Congressional debate may be going. Even if this session ends up producing relatively little in the way of law, it cannot escape being a battleground of policy and politics.

That has been inevitable after last week's Presi-

that has been hevitable after last week's Presidential primaries made Bob Dole, the majority leader, the Republicaos' presumptive nominee. He will be paying campaign visits to Capitol Hill in the coming weeks, seeking to show again that he is someone who can bring enemies together and get things done.

His status as nominee-to-be will help unify Republi-

cans, especially in the Senate, but it will also unite Democrats against him. The last time a Senate majority leader was on a national ticket was in 1960. Lyndon Johnson, then the Vice Presidential nominee, contrived a post-coovention session to trumpet Democratic accomplishments. But nothing much was accomplished.

Democratic disunity between House and Senate was a big problem then. This year comparable Republican differences may derail Mr. Dole's effort to pass the health insurance legislation. House Republicans may not let the issue come to a vote without adding enough provisions to dim its chances.

Mr. Dole, however, can cootrol what bills come up



Associated Pro

In December, before the primaries, Senator Bob Dole passes House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Capitol Hill.

in the Senate, though he cannot stop the Democrats from trying to change the subject. Since amendments in the Senate do not bave to be related to the bill under consideration, he can expect Democrats to try to add a measure raising the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour to bills on grazing fees, energy, Social Security earnings and almost anything else.

"We're going to make the minimum wage one of the highest priorities in the next several weeks," Senator Thomas A. Daschle, the minority leader, said Wednesday. Senator Edward M. Kennedy is introducing legislation to give tax breaks to companies that invest in their workers, and to make layoff-inducing mergers harder under the antitrust laws.

#### (Yawn) Some Pace

So far, bowever, this hardly looks like a new session of Congress. Last week Congress was preoccupied with last year's work — spending bills for the fiscal year that began Sept. 30, and stopgap legislation, lasting only through March 29, to prevent a Government default on its debt. Spending and debt are sure to dominate the calendar until the oext vacation break — two weeks off

for Passover and Easter starting March 30.

Republicans contend that this pace is normal. Representative John A. Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the Republican caucus in the House, said, "We are going to have a much more limited agenda this year, knowing that the focus will be on the Presidential race."

But that is not a matter of history or necessity. In 1992, for example, a Democratic Congress passed and President Bush signed major legislation on trade, energy, higher education, aid to the former Soviet Union and a nuclear arms treaty.

Historically, the second sessions of each two-year Congress almost always produce more laws than do first sessions. The reason is simple. Committees use the first 12 to 18 months of Congress to work over bills, hold hearings, see which compromises bring votes, negotiate with the White House, and then finally act on something complex in time to tell the voters they got something done.

So far, only one bill acted on in 1996 followed that pattern: the telecommunications bill. But, considering that oext to nothing became law in 1995, this second session will likely follow history and count as more productive than the first.

# First, the Winner; Now, the Voting

#### **An Early Look at Primary Voters** CONNECTICUT Estimated percentage of the votingage population that voted in the 24% 11% 6% Republican Presidential primary. 5% 3% VOTERS From surveys of Adults 18-64 people leaving polling places. 65 and **ENTIRE STATE** Census Bureau estimates for ..... VOTERS **Household Income** From surveys of Under people leaving -- \$15,000 polling places. ... \$15,000-\$29,999 \$30,000 **ENTIRE STATE** Census Bureau \$49,999 estimales for \$50,000-1994. \$74,999 \$75,000 Figures on the Republican primary voters come from surveys of people as they exited polling \$99,999

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protecting their prerogative as the first primary state, would punish them if they divided their attention. And while California made a grand effort to schedule an earlier primary this year, in March instead of June, it

was trumped by other states that went even earlier.

It is one thing for people to complain about an endless campaign; but it is quite another to see the

campaign end when it had barely begun.

"This is madness," said Michael S. Dukakis, the Democratic nominee in 1988 who recalled that his nomination was not clinched at least until after the New York primary, which was then April 19. "There's something to be said for giving a people a chance to lonk at the candidates over an extended period of time. A system which puts huge emphasis on two relatively small states and relegates California again to irrelevance just doesn't make sense to me."

### **Short on Devotion**

The small constituency that did vote for Mr. Dole in state after state consisted mostly of Republicans who described themselves as moderates and said they were oeither inspired nor devoted to the majority leader but thought he had the best shot to oust President Clinton. Surveys of voters leaving the polling places also showed that the 72-year-old Mr. Dole drew a far larger proportion of elderly voters than his rivals.

There is a compelling case to be made that Mr. Dole might well have captured the nomination anyway if the primaries were more spread out. But some Republicans argue that had the contests been more

scattered, other candidates might have had more time to raise money and compete more successfully.

part of the problem is that the national political parties have lost their grip on the states. In an effort by the Republican powers to reassert themselves, chairman Haley Barbour has appointed a committee that at the party's convention in August will recommend possible changes in the system for the campaign in 2000.

"This thing turned into an insect dance, where all the candidates got on top of each other without having enough time to get acquainted with the states or the regional issues," said Jim Nichotson, a Republican national committeeman from Colorado who is heading the commission.

Mr. Nicholson said he met with former Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who was one of a handful of candidates who complained of being disadvantaged by the process, before he dropped out. Speaking of Mr. Alexander's best showing — a close third behind Mr. Dole in New Hampshire — Mr. Nicholson said: "He was falling like a duck shot out of the air because he didn't bave time to capitalize on it."

On Tuesday night, as Republican leaders were already proclaiming Mr. Dole the likely nominee, the 10 largest states had oot held primaries, and 80 percent of the national convention delegates had not been selected. Eveo those that did drew only a fraction of the Republican electorate. In Iowa, for all its purported influence, only about 100,000 of the state's 570,000 registered Republicans went to the caucuses. For voters, it was akin to the television networks announcing the winner on election night before polls close in the West.

By the time the candidates rolled to New York on Thursday, that primary was all but an afterthought:

Mr. Alexander and Senator Richard G. Lugar had quit after eight states voted for Mr. Dole on Tuesday.

While the likely nominee is often apparent early on — particularly among Republicans, whose rules make it hard for long-shot candidates to amass delegates — it is still striking that the nomination could be clinched within a month of the first voting, which this year was the Louisiana caucuses on Feb. 6. In 1992, Bill Clinton, still dogged by Edmund G. Brown Jr., did not seem the certain nominee until he won New York in April.

### **Early Money**

places on primary election day. The surveys were conducted by the Voter News Service, an

organization of ABC News, CBS News, CNN, NBC News and The Associated Press.

There were other unanticipated side effects: Because candidates knew that the nominating process would be so short, the run-up became unusually long. Candidates devoted more than a year to raising millions of dollars, knowing that they would not have time once the actual voting started. So far, they have spent a total of more than \$150 million.

The problems this year have added new urgency to the perennial call for a new system. One solution cited by Mr. Nicholson would be an orderly system of regional primaries that would not permit one candidate to lock up the nomination too swiftly.

As much as he has retished the Republicans' chaos this year. Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, general chairman of the Democratic Party, said he too would push for a more equitable system: "Il's hard to find anything that really recommends it at all."

But voters who may feel cheated out of participating and not amply courted by the candidates have one small comfort: The matum is about the embark on the longest general election campaign ever.

### Mr. Forbes's Modest Plan

By DAVID CAY JOHNSTON

TEVE FORBES has ridiculed suggestions that he is spending millions on a campaign for President just because his proposed flat tax would cut his tax bill.

"My campaign will cost me far more than the benefits I'd get from the flat tax," the New Jersey Republican said last month.

"The whole thing on tax returns is a diversion," he told Iowa voters, according to The San Francisco Chronicle. "I will spend 200 times what I would save on the flat tax on this campaign."

But tax experts say that on the day his flat tax became law, Mr. Forbes's tax liabilities would fall by \$240 million, a sum based on a published estimate that his oet worth is \$438.9 million. Over Mr. Forbes's lifetime, his proposal could save him and his heirs \$1.9 billion in taxes, according to Citizens for Tax Justice, a research group that contains the current tax system favors the rich.

The reason for most of these savings is an aspect of Mr. Forbes's proposal that was not

# What's \$25 million on a campaign if it knocks off a \$240 million estate tax?

mentioned when he announced his candidacy and has rarely surfaced since: the Forbes flat tax would eliminate estate taxes.

Mr. Forbes's campaign press secretary, Gretchen Morgenson, said, "Steve's comments on what he would save are based on his income" as disclosed to the Federal Elections Commission "and based on the taxes saved under the flat tax versus the investment be has made in the campaign."

Mr. Forbes, 48, inherited most of his fortune from his father, Malcolm S. Forbes, but his share was reduced by the estimated \$60 million the estate paid the loternal Revenue Service, plus another \$16.9 million in New Jersey estate taxes.

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Mr. Forbes will not talk about how much he is
worth, but the January issue of Fortune estimated his net worth at \$438.9 million. Ms. Morgenson
catled the amount "preposterous."

The Federal estate tax paid by the estate on a fortune of that size is \$240 million, although the law allows individuals to use gifts, trusts and other ways to reduce the value of their estates. The \$1.9 billion estimated by Citizens for Tax Justice takes what tax experts call a dynamic look at Mr. Forbes's taxes, assuming that his fortune grows at 10 percent annually for the oext 30 years and taking into account both his proposed 17 percent flat tax on wages and his plan to eliminate estate and capital gains taxes.

Mr. Forbes's chances of winning the Presidency appear remote, but his spending, when viewed from the risk-reward perspective of an investor, looks shrewd. If he spends \$25 million, and his flat tax becomes law, wiping out a \$240 million estate tax liability, the return on his investment would be almost 10 to 1. Over his lifetime, the return would be 76 to 1, based on the Citizens for Tax Justice calculations, which were confirmed by the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse.

# The Prison Odyssey of Judge Wachtler

Chief Judge Wachtler presiding in 1992.

a question to me.

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guards, in graphic terms, what they could expect if they didn't bring him some toilet paper - soon.

One of the guards told me that I could expect this clamor to continue unabated, since most of the inmates in the isolation cells were either mentally ill or disciplinary problems or both.

When can I leave?" I asked. "When the doctors are through with you and decide it is safe for you to join the general population."

Dinner has just been slipped through the door by a pair of disembodied hands in rubber gloves. There is no chair or table in my cell, so I eat sitting on the steel shelf, which I will use for a bed, using my lap as a table. I feel aboriginal. The meal consists of two leathery meat patties, a portion of very oily fried potatoes, and what appears to be cabbage in a cream sauce. Everything is served cold, but I am hungry, so I eat it all with my plastic spoon from the Styrofoam tray.

**Sept. 30** This morning I was awakened by an overpowering stench. The toilets have backed up. Raw sewerage gushes from the other cells into mine. As I raise my feet and sit on my slab bed, the word Dantesque comes to mind.

I was asked if I had any fear for my safety. I told them the only inmates I would fear would be those whose appeals were unsuccessful in my court — a fear that one of them might take the loss personally.

I was assured that most of the inmates were from this part of the country and none had dealings with the New York State correctional system. That turned out to be untrue. But I was oblivious to any such danger as I was led in handcuffs into the general population.

I was immediately struck by the enormous size of most of the inmates. Bulging biceps, bull necks. I wondered whether these giants came into prison in that condition or got that way working out on the many freeweight piles in the prison yard.

While I was pondering this, one of them came over to me and said: "Hello, Judge. My name is Sanders. Name sound familiar?"

"I can't say that it does," I said, thrusting my hands in my pocket so he wouldn't see them tremble. "Does People v. Paul Sanders ring a bell?"

"Should it?" "I was before your court 12 years ago. I've been here for 8. I did the same thing you did: kidnapped a

I started to correct him as to my crime, but thought better of it.

'You ruled in my favor," he said. "Pleased to meet you," I said with relief.

A fellow approached me with a court paper bearing my name as Chief Judge. It was a certificate denying a convict named Alexander Anderson permission to appeal to the Court of Appeals. It was attached to a letter signed by Stuart Cohen, a former law clerk of mine, now deputy clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Pointing to my name on the order, he smiled broadly and said, "Do you know this fellow?" There was no bostility in his voice, just pointed sarcasm.

I smiled weakly and said, "You must be Alexander

He smiled back and, sensing my discomfort, said: "Hey man, you gotta do what you think is right."

Nov. 6 There are many people here in Butner who don't belong here. A fellow named Bobby who walks the halls seeing his "dead buddy" has been found incompetent to stand trial for five years. He should be in a mental hospital; so should Ziggy, who has been here for a decade doing what they call the "Thorazine shuffle." But there are others who do belong bere

There is the sex offender who, with his female companion, abducted children, molested and then killed them. Because the state where he was prosecuted could not protect him from a hostile prison population, be'll be spending several life sentences in Federal prisons.

Last week I was seated at lunch next to a pleasant enough fellow who seemed to be a pariah to other inmates. After lunch I was told that he too was in the sex offender unit. He was convicted of murder and necrophilia - that is, the day after murdering a woman, he dug up the body of his victim for the purpose of having sex with her. I will not eat with him again.

Nov. 21 Today was like any other Sunday at Butner. This afternoon all the prisoners returned to their units for the 4 o'clock count. Our evening meal followed. I took my turn on the pill line, called my wife, Joan, and at about 7:30 went to my cell. I had intended to listen to my radio with the earplugs and then sleep.
At about 8:05, I was stabbed twice in the back.

I was lying on my left side. I don't know whether I bad dozed off, or was simply lingering on the edge of

sleep, when my pillow was folded over my face and l felt two strong punches in the right center of my back. lgot to my feet in time to see my cell door close behind someone bolting from my cell. Cell doors are not locked in the mental bealth unit.

As I turned on my light, I felt my undershirt stick-ing to my back. I knew that I was bleeding. I opened my door, but saw no one in the hall. I shouted for belp.

As soon as I was in the prison hospital I was examined - not by a doctor but by a physician's assistant. He told me that the wounds were superficial, that they did not penetrate the chest cavity, and that it did not appear that any internal organs had been damaged. The assistant then put stitches in the wounds - no anesthetic. I was then X-rayed and consigned to protective custody - another exphemism for seclusion, which is a euphemism for the "hole," which is a name for hell.

Nov. 22 I was handcuffed and brought to a small room in the seclusion wing. A uniformed person was there and, after introducing himself as Lieutenant Briggs from security, he proceeded to ask me to tell him, once again, what happened last night. I com-

"Sol," he said, "you did a lousy job. We all know you did it to yourself."

I looked at him in silence and disbelief. "Are you saying I stabbed myself in the back?" I finally managed.

'I'm saying that we know who did it, and I'm looking at him."

"But why would I want to stab myself?" "Because you want to get out of Butoer, and you figured that this would be the quickest way to do It."

Dec. 17 I have been in solitary confinement for almost a month. They apparently bave no additional clues as to my assailant, so they don't know where to put me. They felt it would be dangerous to put me back where my stabber may be waiting to finish his job, and they know that keeping me in the hole much longer could affect my sanity. They had to decide what to do with me.

At a conference in a small room near the seclusion cells, the assistant warden - who is a psychiatrist - another psychiatrist and a psychologist told me of their solution. They said the doctors at Butner had tentatively diagnosed my condition as far more serious than they, or even my own doctors, had initially thought. They said that during the commission of my crime I was dehisional.

Thus they felt I was in further need of treatment. Toward that end, they intended to have me flown to Minneapolis, Minn., to a prison affiliated with the Mayo Clinic. The name of the prison: Rochester.

Dec. 19 When we arrived at the Federal Medical Center, Rochester, we were taken to the receiving office, where my companion's bandcuffs were removed, and I was unchained. He was told that he would be assigned to a cell pending his physical exam. I, on the other hand would be assigned to seclusion on a temporary basis.

"Excuse me, sir," I inquired. "By seclusion do you mean solitary confinement?' "By seclusion, I mean the hole," he answered.

If someone were to ask me to identify the worst moment of my confinement, this would be it. I had just been released from one month in the hole at Butner. My stab wounds still throbbed. My elbow was gashed, swollen and infected from a fall in my cell more than a week earlier. I looked, and must have smelled, like one of Hannibal Lechter's victims. My nearly five hours of being chained in transit by plane caused every muscle to ache. I had not slept in two days. And now I was being told that I was to be interned, once again, in the airless vault of seclusion.

Mr. Wachtler was soon released from solitary. In the Minnesota prison he eventually encountered many prisoners whose cases affirmed his belief that mandatory Federal sentencing guidelines impose undue restrictions on judges and often result in unjust sentences. Mike Kelly was one such inmate.

March 10, 1994 Mike Kelly is handsome, blue-eyed and likable. He is in his late 20's and will be in prison until he is 50. He's here after having pleaded guilty to the armed robbery of a bank and possession of cocaine. The Federal sentencing guidelines made certain that the taxpayers will pay more than \$1 million to keep Mike off the streets for another 20 years. His only prior offense was for the possession of a small amount of co-

Mike was an addict. He committed his first and only robbery while high on cocaine. He went into a bank in south Boston, not two blocks from his home, brandished a starter pistol, and ordered a teller to fill a paper bag with cash. He was wearing a Stetson hat to conceal his face from the overhead camera. The teller was in the process of emptying her cash drawer when a \$20 bill fell to the floor. As Mike bent over to pick up the bill, his hat fell off. Instinctively, he looked up at the camera and then fled. His total take from the robbery was \$1,850, which he spent that afternoon on cocaine. He was arrested at his home that evening.

I could tell a dozen stories like Mike's - people who commit crimes that are serious if viewed in the abstract. But when punishment is to be meted out, the crime should be the subject of contextual and individual analysis - tempered by the discretion of judges. If there were no sentencing guidelines in his case, few judges would even consider a 20-year sentence. This would have been an ideal case for medium-term incarceration coupled with a drug program.

The fact is that we cannot build prisons fast enough and instead of exploring alternatives, we continue to criminalize things which should not be criminalized, and we continue to lengthen sentences.

April 9 Last night the deadly 1971 Attica prison riot

was revisited in a madefor-TV movie. Once again I was struck by the overwhelming irony of my life: here I was a prisoner seeing a drama involving a prison that I visited

The TV room was crowded — the inmates anxious to escape their own imprisonment for a couple of hours by watching the story of other inmates who suffered more.

The movie depicted the indifference of the guards to the deprivations ol the prisoners. It illustrated prison regulations apparently designed more to create inmate discomfort and suffering than to improve prison efficiency. And it showed the mindless violeoce that follows such utterances as: "If we can't live like men, at least we can die like men.

When the movie ended, and the epilogue scrolled silently across the screen, the room was equally silent, and then someone in the audience spoke. He addressed

"How many Atticas will it take before the people who run the prisons learn that we're people too?' I said nothing out loud. To myself I said: "Forget it: As prisoners, you will never be thought of as people."

April 18 I remembered the prison tours I took when I was a judge, the tour of Attica while the embers of re volt still smoldered, and Greenhaven, Elmira, Auburn and Sing Sing - New York State prisons located in the most beautiful parts of my state. You can imagine the Welcome they extended to the Chief Judge of the state. I was made to feel like a vestige of royalty. I always knew that I was seeing only what I was supposed to see, but I felt my visit was a demoostration

to the inmates that we cared about their conditions. Now that I am a prisoner, and judges are being shown the facility that imprisoos me, I realize how deluded I was in those years by my own vanity and by those escorts who so carefully planned my itinerary.

For example, these judges were shown a part of the mental health unit that was air-conditioned and comparatively spacious. They were not escorted through the vast majority of the units, which had unventilated, cramped, double-bunked cells built for two but each holding four inmates. My home was one of these. Nor were the judges shown the even more crowded dormitories filled with work-cadre inmates who freeze during the Minnesota winter and swelter in the mosquito-infested summer.

The guards are on their best behavior, and troublesome inmates are either put in the hole or tucked away in some remote locale. The cabinets that house TV sets, always padlocked, are miraculously opened. And if we have the good fortune of having the visitors present

during lunch, the meals are actually edible.
The only thing accomplished by these tours is to create yet another group of propagandists who spread the word that life in prison is pretty good or - far more ominous for the future treatment of prisoners that life in prison is too good.

June 17 I am told that some 75 percent of Americans watched prime-time television last night. Watched while a fleet of police cars followed O.J. Simpson's vehicle when he failed m turn himself in voluntarily. Watched while hundreds of onlookers cheered him on as if he were running through a broken field of tacklers, ready to sprint across the goal line.

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I thought that the staring inmates, so engrossed in the real-life drama, were visiting the outside world. A short visit, but a visit nonetheless. And then I realized that they hadn't gone anywhere at all. They were not visiting another universe; they were watching a fallen hero enter theirs.

When the TV voice relayed a report that O.J. had a gun to his head, the viewing inmates urged him to use

'Man, keep out of court,' one said. "Do it, man, or else you going to die the way they want you to die," said another.

But most of us watched in silence, lost in very subjective reflection. My initial thoughts were almost petty. Why, I thought, was he - charged with a double homicide - allowed to voluntarily surrender, while I charged with harassing my ex-girlfriend, never physically - was summarily arrested on the Long Island Expressway by three carloads of F.B.L agents?

Aug. 21 Tonight I was listening once again with my earphones to a talk radio show. The talk was about the crime bill in Congress. As usual, the host and his caller were exchanging shibboleths, this time about prison life. As usual too, neither knew what he was talking about. They were discussing the "easy" life prisoners enjoy, complete with "pay-per-view" movies provided 'bleeding-heart liberals in Congress."

Let me tell you about the movies and who pays for them. Here in Rochester and other prisons there are prisoner organizations that inmates join. Each club is granted permission by the authorities to raise funds by some method. For example, the International Club collects aluminum cans, which are sold for recycling. The Veterans' Club sells greeting cards to the other inmates. The money made through these enterprises is used by the various clubs to rent movies from the local cable TV company, which charges about \$400 to pipe a movie into the TV sets in inmate common areas throughout the prison.

Of course, the money spent by the inmates to buy photos and greeting cards is money earned by them on prison jobs. Since the wages range from \$15 to \$60 per month, this qualifies as "hard-earned dollars." In other words, the prisoners see these movies, usually two a month, without the help of "bleeding-heart liberals in Congress."

As I was dozing off last night, a guard named Vogel
- who has the blond hair, demeanor and insensitivity of a storm trooper - woke me and my cellmates up and asked to see our hands.

"Excuse me?" I said, half awake. "Your hands - Show me your hands," be ordered.

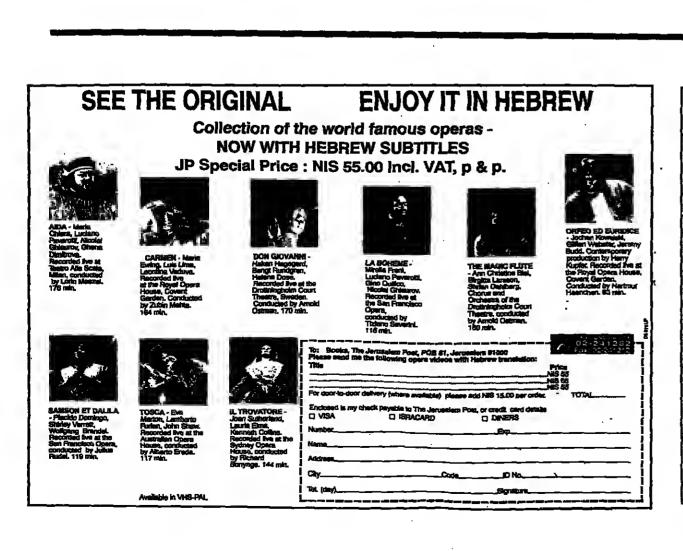
I held my hands out to him, palms up.
"Not your hands — your hands," he said, adding to my confusion. "The other side!" he demanded. I turned my hands over. He inspected them and

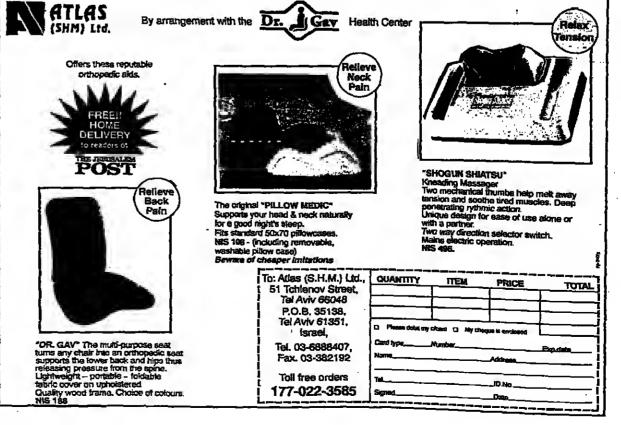
"What was that all about?" I asked one of my cellmates. "Must have been a fight," he answered. "They're trying to find the participants by looking for

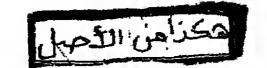
bruised knuckles." He was right. It seems that several movie-goers had a dispute over seating. The score was settled in the

shower room, after the movie was over. The fight erupted after the guards - thinking they were smarter than the inmates, which is rarely true banned a seating-reservation system worked out by the prisoners. Now the big question is: Will they allow the inmates to go back to the system that has worked for years? Or will they continue to invite disorder? Chances are they will resolve the problem as they do most problems bere in prison - they will cancel

Mr. Wachtler left the Minnesota prison in October 1994 to finish the final two months of his sentence at a halfway house in Brooklyn. He now runs a dispute-resolution consultancy in Great Neck, L.I., which also raises money to provide legal assistance to the poor.







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#### By PETER PASSELL

THE JERUSALEM POST

S the high-flying stock market, buoyed by a seemingly limitless tide of pension money, heading for a fall? No, not on the order of last Friday's 171-point drop, but something potentially far more disturbing two or three decades down the road - when the baby boomers retire and begin to trade in their securities for Winnebagos, visits to the periodontist and trips to Disney World with the grandchil-

"Don't bother me with this one - too much can bappen between now and then," responded Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch, reflecting the understandable impatience of Wall Streeters preoccupied with the more immediate questions of where inflation, G.D.P. and Alan Greenspan are heading.

But the issue, being raised quietly by the handful of specialists who study the links between demography and economics, is not the blue sky it might seem. With the population aging and Social Security drifting toward the political equivalent of Chapter 11. financial gurus are begging, pleading, cajoling Americans to save more for their own retirement. And the numbers suggest that the message bas gotten through: investors have poured nearly half a trillion dollars into stock mutual funds over the last four years - \$50 billion in the first two months of this year alone.

Leaving aside Friday's 3 percent plunge, many of these new investors have known the market only to rise, and expect that to be the case right through their golden years. But economists taking the long view worry that the very process of cashing in the boomers' vast holdings of mutual funds could transform the most energetic of bulls into a shuggish beast.

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"The difference between 7 percent and 3

percent real annual return is night and in 2040. The total capitalization of listed day," said James Poterba, an economist at

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Nobody is suggesting that Rip Van Investor is going to wake up one day to discover that no one wants to buy his shares of Netscape Communications. But John Shoven, an economist at Stanford, does imagine "1970's-like stagnation in stock prices," which would extinguish many a dream of Mediterranean cruises and lazy mornings on the golf course. To protect that dream, Rip may have to save a lot more than he

expected. Start with some basics. Most personal wealth other than housing is accumulated through employer-based pensions. Mr. Shoven and Sylvester Schieber, an economist with Watson Wyatt Worldwide pension consultants, have projected future savings in both "defined benefit" pension plans, which promise a specific monthly pension, and 'defined contribution' plans, which simply

serve as tax-sheltered savings vehicles. Based on plausible assumptions about the numbers of covered workers, their wages and their life expectancy as retirees, they expect real net inflows into pension plans contributions and investment earnings, less benefits paid - to rise gradually from \$102 billion in 1995 to \$149 billion in 2010. That is the year before boomers start to turn 65.

By the second decade of the 21st century, though, increases in pension assets tail off - and may decline even sooner if the continuing downsizing of the corporate work force pushes more Americans into premature retirement. Adjusted for inflation, the value of the national nest egg actually begins to fall in 2025.

Mr. Shoven and Mr. Schieber estimate that real pension savings will slip from about 3.6 percent of total wages today to zero in 2024 and to a negative 3.5 percent in 2040. With the flood of baby boom pensioners cashing in, total pensioo assets are expected to fall to \$15 trillion in 2065 from \$28 trillion

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domestic stocks today, by the way, is about \$6 trillion.

The magnitude of this projected drop in the middle of the next century has led Mr. Schieber to refer jocularly to the research as the "market meltdown paper." This joke hits uncomfortably close to the bone.

There has loog been evidence that the age profile of the population helps to determine the way people hold their savings. In a 1973 study, John Bossons of the National Bureau of Economic Research found that balf the wealth owned by Americans between 25 and 44 was in housing. This percentage fell with age, reaching 36 percent for those 55 to 64

and just 31 percent for people over 65.

It should not be surprising, then, that in 1989 Greg Mankiw of Harvard and David Weil of Brown found a strong statistical relationship between bousing prices and the oumbers of house-needy new families over very loog periods. When the adult population is growing rapidly, housing prices follow. And what worked going up in the 1970's, when the oldest boomers were hitting their mid-20's, has worked on the way down since the late 80's, when those people hit their 40's. Prices have stagnated in recent years, trailing the rise in the cost of living. And in the housing markets that were hottest in the previous decade - Boston, Southern Califormia, metropolitan New York - they have actually fallen.

Gurdip Bakshi of the University of New Orleans and Zhiwu Chen at the Ohio State College of Business refined the analysis. They predicted that the baby boomers - the roughly 80 million people born from 1946 through 1964 - would drive the relative demand for housing and stocks as this population bulge moved through the demograph-

Stocks did rise and housing prices were stable in the first two decades after World War II; the boomers' young parents, it seems, were saving for their childreo's education. But wheo those children came of age, the cost of a college education rose as demand for it rose, and priorities shifted, as a large swath of the population began favoring real estate over financial assets. By virtue of their numbers, that set off a housing boom and a stock market bust. Now, with the boomers graying, the stock market is pulling in most of their savings.

### The market tumbled on Friday. But when the boomers retire. look out. It could be the big one.

Sometime in the future, though, what goes around will presumably come around. If the boomers cash in assets when they retire, the overall decline in savings may well act as a drag on values in all financial markets. And if, as Mr. Bakshi and Mr. Chen found, investors also grow more conservative as they age, they will want to shift their portfolios from stocks to lower-risk financial assets like bank deposits and short-term bonds, even before they begin drawing down those

That, however, is hardly the last word on this subject. In broad terms, opinions about the market meltdown hypothesis fit into three very different scripts:

The pessimistic view, presented in full regalia, is not a pretty sight. Household savings, buoyed by the baby boomers' late rush to prepare for old age, will crest around 2010. A few years later, Washington's on again, off-again battle to eliminate budget deficits will be lost definitively when outlays for Social Security pensions first exceed, and then rapidly outpace, revenues from the payroll tax.

With private savings declining as a percentage of national income, and with Washington slurping up much of the savings that is available by running deficits, a shortage of capital will cause real interest rates to rise. It is hard to say by how much. But research by Thomas Helbling and Robert Wescott, economists at the International Monetary Fund, provides a benchmark.

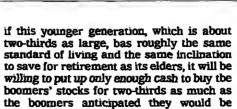
They esumate that every increase of seven percentage points in the ratio of national debt to national output increases interest rates by about one point. The run-up of public debt in the 1981-93 period thus added about 1.4 percentage points to long-term rates. The returns needed to get increasingly risk-shy 70-something investors to hold stocks would presumably have to rise by more than the change in the interest rate thereby reducing stock values.

Mr. Shoven of Stanford offers a back-ofthe-envelope guessiimate of how much stock prices would be depressed. The boomers, he suggests, will have to induce younger Americans to buy their stock portfolios. And

#### When the Boomers Cash Out

Estimated net flow of assets into or out of pansion and retirement savings, based on assumptions about future working populations, inflation and rates of return similar to those the Social Security Administration uses. Figures are adjusted for inflation.

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Mr. Shoven notes, however, that such a decline in stock values, driven by a scarcity of new saving, is unlikely to happen overnight. The aging of the savings-prone population is a "glacially slow" and highly predictable process. Hence the securities markets would have years to understand the shift in the demand for stocks, and adjust accordingly. That, he argues, makes stagnation of equity prices far more plausible than a sudden drop.

But determined pessimists will still be able to find reasons to take the meltdown notion literally. "Naïve expectations better characterize the housing market than does perfect foresight," wrote Mr. Mankiw and Mr. Weil. That translates into the language of the masses as, "Investors sometimes follow the herd, even when it is headed for a cliff."

In Southern California, housing prices continued to rise long after the demand for housing had tailed off in the 1980's. It is possible that stock prices will similarly outlast rational considerations - and then crash.

Whether the stock market stagnates or crashes, the boomers would be in for a leaner old age than the 20th-century performance of the market would suggest.

Alert readers may have already noticed that the doom-and-gloom outlook echoes forecasts of a mid-1980's capital shortage in America as huge Federal deficits siphooed trillions of dollars in private savings. Interest rates did rise. But more dire predictions did not come true because foreigners notably Europeans, Japanese and Taiwanese - saved much of their surging export earnings in American stocks and boods. In effect, they replaced most of the private domestic savings that Washington was busy passing out to pensioners and military con-

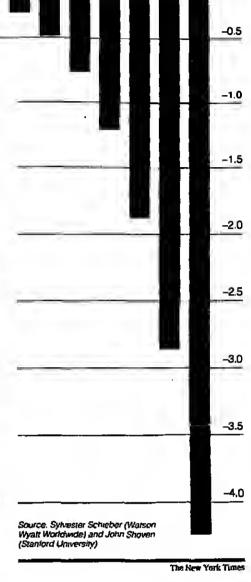
ft is oot likely that these thrifty friends in need will again ride to the rescue by purchasing the stocks that the baby boomers need to sell. "They are aging more rapidly and have even lower birth rates than we do," explains David Hale, chief economist at Zurich Kemper Investments in Chicago. And while lifelong babits may brake the overall decline in their savings rates, these investors can hardly be expected to fill a new hole in American savings.

But the equally thrifty Chinese - and perhaps citizens of the other big, high-saving emerging economies in Asia - just might. Mr. Wescott of the International Monetary Fund calculates that rising ratios of workers to total population will increase saving rates in the third world by 3 percentage points during the next two decades. If these economies grow rapidly enough (and declines in savings rates in Europe and Japan don't offset the impact by drawing investment there), he estimates that this will be sufficient to bail out the boomers.

Living on the financial good will of Asia, bowever, would be a problem. For one thing, it assumes that demands for capital within the third world will not absorb the lion's share of Asian savings. Some emerging economies — India, Brazil and Mexico will almost certainly need external financing if they are to grow rapidly.

Note, too, that, as in the 1980's, the flip side to importing savings is running a trade deficit. If foreigners buy the financial assets of tha baby boomers, the transactions will inevitably be reflected in higher American imports. And while trade protectionism has more or less been held at bay for two decades, the surprising vigor of the Presidential candidacy of Patrick J. Buchanan suggests that it will be much more difficult to sustain wide-open markets in the future.

The aging of America, it is agreed, will reduce household savings rates. But commensurably low birth rates, which will lead to a stable or even a shrinking work force by the second decade of the 21st century, may also reduce the demand for goods, and therefore for capital. This shift in demand



could fully offset the impact of the shift in the supply of savings, and thus leave interest rates and securities prices unaffected.

Indeed, if current population projections hold, it will take oo net savings to maintain a constant amount of capital per worker. Such a low-savings world would even allow for rising living standards, because continuing technological change would permit the same number of workers using the same amount of capital to produce more.

"There's light at the beginning of this tunnel," explained David M. Cutler, an economist at Harvard. "Declining fertility brings good oews up front."

If there are fewer savers around, who would buy the financial assets that the retired baby boomers would need to sell? Not all capital consists of long-lived assets like buildings or power plants, Mr. Shoven said. Much of it depreciates rapidly and is normally replaced, but money designated for that kind of internal investment can be converted into cash dividends if management prefers to spend it that way. A company like Geoeral Electric, for example, curreotly reinvests billions of dollars for depreciation refurbishment each year. But it always has the option of shrinking by failing to replace worn-out or obsolete equipment.

.This process would presumably take place automatically, driven only by the invisible hand of market incentives. With shrinking investment opportunities, more companies would simply find that the best way to sustain the value of their shares would be to buy back stock with the cash flow from the business.

How plausible is what Mr. Shoven calls the "slow growth, high consumption" outlook? Probably no more - or less - than the market meltdown.

Economists have oever excelled at projecting long-term trends because too much depends on subtle interactions that can be safely ignored in the short run. For example, the "new growth theory," pioneered by Paul Romer of the University of California at Berkeley, suggests that the pace of technological change may depend on continuing high levels of investment. If he is right, a low-savings, low-investment world would slow technological change, retarding the growth of living standards and reducing equity values.

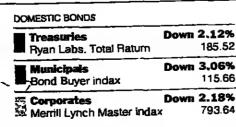
The life odyssey of the buge baby boom generation, most economists agree, will bave enormous economic consequences. Trouble is, said Mr. Hale of Zurich Kemper, we are only beginning to guess what they

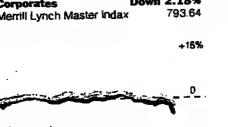
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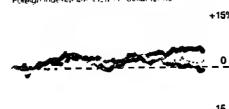
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### Downsizing and Its Discontents

unevenly, but over time prosperity and freedom have flowed to almost everyone living under the system. The United States, moreover, is the envy of other industrial democracies because of its recent success in creating jobs and subduing inflation. Why, then, are so many Americans anxious about the future? If you have any doubt that such anxiety exists, read the meticulously reported series of articles in The Times last week, with their portrayal of lives, families, workplaces and communities disrupted by the downsizing in corporate America.

Granted, the series has concentrated on the people who lost jobs, not the many more who bave gained jobs in a growing economy. There is also nothing new in churning economic cycles that, over time, bave forced Americans from farm to factory. from country to city. As the economist Joseph Schumpeter observed long ago, capitalism embodies a process of "creative destruction" in which outdated enterprises must give way.

But there is something new and disturbing about current economic afflictions.

The middle and upper classes - the very groups benefiting most from the education and training that have for decades been a path upward - are experiencing massive losses of jobs for the first time. Most of these victims bave to accept diminished pay and benefits in less secure jobs.

The spread of layoffs in relatively good times and among companies with strong profits bas created a searing climate of insecurity as employees accept less, contributing to the leveling off and even decline of wages in the last two decades, the longest period of stagnation since the Civil War.

The anxiety among Americans has become a powerful fact of life in the current election campaign. Although President Clinton bas a comparable record on job creation to that of President Ronald Reagan when Mr. Reagan ran for re-election in 1984. it is hard to imagine Mr. Clinton convincing anyone

proposals to curb immigration, imports and the ability of corporations to invest overseas. Fortunately, his prescription seems to have been rejected. But there is an emerging political consensus around a few key points that can show the way forward for voters, Presidential candidates, members of Congress and corporations that are smart enough to avoid the backlash whipped up by the unrestrained profit taking of the past 15 years.

There is, for example, a clear national demand for portable bealth insurance that follows workers from job to job or into unemployment. Fixing that problem does not have to wait for a 1993-style health care reform effort. Congress should adopt the legislation sponsored by Senators Edward Kennedy and Nancy Kassebaum to preserve health insurance for workers who lose their employer-based coverage

Modern capitalism has always dealt its cards and are then turned away by other insurers. The bill commands bipartisan support and Senator Bob Dole can make it happen by allowing a quick vote.

Corporations and financiers must recognize that they cannot forever placate the anxiety of white-collar Americans by saying they are casualties of a righteous effort to squeeze out the last penny of profit for shareholders. American history demonstrates few patterns more clearly than that in which flamboyant corporate callousness leads to Government regulation.

When the middle class starts feeling aggrieved, the political system has to respond, as demonstrated by the speed with which Mr. Dole picked up Mr. Buchanan's attack on corporate downsizers. Smart boards of directors will begin to question multimillion-dollar bonuses for C.E.O.'s whose main managerial skill is the ability to inflict maximum suffering on senior employees. By the same token, the days of company paternalism are over and skilled workers will have to learn how to save their jobs by navigating in a newly competitive environment.

The point is that neither business nor Government lacks the tools to deal with the problems explored in the Times's series. But it is important to remember that, for all the concern about downsizing, the families suffering the most right now are those at the bottom end of the scale, and that the distribution of wealth in the United States is growing increasingly inequitable. This is no time, as this page has said repeatedly, to think that prosperity can be achieved by budget cuts and tax reductions that disproportionately hurt the poor. Washington can play an additional role in investing in more training and education, perhaps through tax breaks, and working hard to open overseas markets for goods and services produced by the highest-paid

However painful the trends of recent years, there is a sinking feeling that they could get worse. The forces of automation and technology, of compathat a new "morning in America" is dawning. " iles fookling for cheaper ways to make products Patrick Buchanan has roiled the scene with his - overseas, of immigrants searching for opportunity on our shores, and of consumer demand for less expensive imported goods - these are trends that are almost certain to grow rather than diminish. The United States can no more stop them than it can build up steel and concrete walls along its borders.

> Because economic change has always brought location, there are some who feel that the United States should simply accept the current American anxiety as its mevitable lot. That would be a mistake. Exaggerated reverence for the raw justice of the market should not serve as an excuse for inaction. Americans want their leaders to talk sense about their problems. An election year is an excellent place to start. Presidential and Congressional candidates who ignore the frozen incomes of the poor and the chilling anxiety of the middle class will have a cold November.

### **Editorial Notebook**

### The Unmaking of a Primary

Senator Al D'Amato, that bornagain political reformer, has come to a sudden realization that in a democracy, elections should involve more than one name on the ballot, "1

tion," he told voters after his candidate, Senator Bob Dole, handly won the Republican primary in New York. usually by collecting signatures of 1,250 registered Re-Since Mr. D'Amato struggled so long and hard to keep competition out of this year's primary, New Yorkers may wonder whether this about-face means the state could lose its standing as the American electoral system's answer to North Korea. The embarrassment over this year's election will probably lead to some reform.

History suggests, however, that any change will be modest unless the public shows an unprecedented level of interest in the issue of ballot access. Four years from now the state may once again be awash in court suits, while oational commentators note that half of all election litigation in the country takes place in New York.

New York elections are based on what was originally a reform theory - that candidates should qualify for a spot on the ballot by collecting a given oumber of signatures of eligible voters. But the perversity of the system lies in the myriad ways this simple requirement can be turned into an impassable hurdle. Signatures have been tossed out by the courts because the supporter added a superfluous "Mrs." in front of her name. Entire volumes of names were declared invalid because of a mistake on the cover sheet. Infant political careers have been destroyed because of incorrect information about signers' Assembly districts. One upstate town clerk lost a large volume of signatures submitted for Steve Forbes in last week's primary, and the courts ruled that a photo-

copied substitute was inadmissible. The State Legislature bas actually been in the process of reforming New York's Presidential primary system for 20 years now, usually in teeny-tiny steps. In a breakthrough change, Democrats in 1976 decided to actually indicate on the ballot which Presidential candidate each delegate was pledged to. It was a reform restricted to one party. In 1980 fans of George Bush managed to get his delegate slate on the ballot in some parts of the state. But the party declined to include any hint as to which delegates were actually pledged to Mr. Bush and not Ronald Reagan. An outcry ensued, followed by another tad of reform. In 1988 Republicans could finally figure out which Presidential candidate they were

voting for without the belp of reference materials. That breakthrough was felt, however, in only about half the state. Until Steve Forbes spent \$1 million to get

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on the ballot this year, Republitial primary in which more than one candidate was running in every Congressional district. The

think the process is served better when we have competi-primary elections are actually 31 little district primaries, and candidates must qualify separately for each one, publicans who live in the district.

In the New York tradition, every single step along this road is a land mine. For instance, to get "quality" signatures less likely to be tossed out in court, collectors must go door-to-door, using a list of registered Republicans, In 1992, when Larry Rockefeller tried to wage a primary battle against Senator D'Amato, towns in Nassan and Suffolk Counties were so reluctant to tell Mr. Rockefeller where the Republicans lived that the candidate had to file a request under the Freedom of Information Law to see the voter registration lists.

The signatures also must be collected by registered Republicans who live in the district. This year Steve Forbes got around the problem in many deeply Democratic parts of New York City by rounding up unemployed young people who have never voted and registering them as Republicans. The workers - often teen-age moms and young men in gang beads - made \$10 an hour and qualified their candidate. It was, the organizers said a sort of G.O.P. version of "Stand and Deliver."

When Democrats last held a Presidential primary in 1992, the party's main requirement was a simple 10,000 signatures statewide. By New York standards, that was the equivalent of a walk in the park. But candidates from gentler environs still found the going tough. Paul Tsongas failed to come up with enough names to make his petitions challenge-proof in court. Mr. Tsongas's Democratic opponents agreed to look the other way. But the New Alliance Party, angry because its candidate was being barred from the Democratic primary debates, sued. In a masterstroke of New York-style election-law thinking, the court threw out the case, contending that the local delegates who bad agreed to allow their oames to be used on the Tsongas slates should have been named as parties to the suit.

The Democrats have since lowered the bar to 5,000 signatures. So far neither party has seriously considered the obvious solution - automatically qualifying candidates whose standings in the Presidential campaign make it clear they have a right to be included. Then, the focus of the New York primary would be on the voters GAIL COLLINS rather than the election law.

# Palestinians Must Speak Out Against Terrorism

To the Editor:

The bombings in Israel are a reminder that real peace between Palestinians and Israelis remains a distant dream. More significant than the attacks themselves, however, will be the reaction of the Palestinian people to the murderers in their midst.

After the Irish Republican Army's bombings in London, thousands of Irish citizens angrily protested in the streets. Their message was that the I.R.A. does not murder British civilians in their name. When an Israeli gunman killed Arabs in Hebron two vears ago in the name of Jewish rights to a holy site, thousands of Israelis protested and the Israeli Government cracked down on Jewish extremists.

The world is watching now to see what message the Palestinian community will send to those who murder in the name of Islam and Palestinian nationalism. A failure to act decisively will send an unmistakable message of support for these crimes and will end, once and for all, the myth of the "silent majority" of Palestinians that supposedly favors KENNETH C. GOLD West Bloomfield, Mich., March 6, 1996

To the Editor: Small vocal minorities among the Palestinian community have managed to silence the majority and distort the true feelings of my people. The violence in the Middle East these past weeks is a violence that Palestinians as a community abhor and denounce, for it contradicts our fundamental religious beliefs.

The majority of Palestinians detest the violence and the murder of innocent civilians. The bloodshed is unnecessary and contradicts the basic views of Arab Christians and Mus-

Hamas is acting without a popular mandate. Yasir Arafat was elected president of the new Palestinian government, Nearly 70 percent of Palestinians eligible to vote participated in those elections, of whom more than 88 percent voted in support of Mr. Arafat and his platform of peaceful negotiations with Israel. Hamas has no right to act outside of this representative structure.

Mr. Arafat may not be able to prevent the violence himself, but he clearly has a mandate to act against Palestinian extremist violence.

It does not help the peace process for Israel to punish the innocent for the crimes of the terrorists by sealing the homes of families or individuals who have links to the terrorists' only immoral, it is illegal and counterproductive to the goal of peace. No one sealed the home of Baruch Goldstein when he murdered 29 Palestinians during prayers in the Hebron

Those outside the Palestinian community must do a better job of understanding the complex circumstances we are in Palestinians who speak out against the peace process have a right to do so. They should be treated



with respect and not forced into an alliance with those who wish to destroy the peace process using vio-

We may not be able to prevent the voices of batred from taking more innocent lives. But we can, if we stand together, prevent them from murdering the peace process, which is the only real hope for both Palestinians and Jews. RAY HANANIA

National President Palestinian American Congress Chicago, March 6, 1996

To the Editor: In your March 7 front-page article, you report that statements issued after the recent suicide bomb attacks in Israel said that "they were revenge for the assassination of the Hamas bomb-maker known as the Engineer, Yahya Ayyash."

If Yahya Ayyasb had been captured by the Israeli Government (as many Nazi war criminals bave been), given a fair trial and then sentenced if found guilty, is it possible that many innocent Israeli lives and those of two young American students would oever have been lost? Our own country replaced "frontier justice" with a system of laws and constitutional protections for sound LUCY LEE EVANS

New Canaan, Conn., March 7, 1996

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To the Editor: Israel has declared war on the Hamas, and President Clinton has all but said he would not stand in its way. As Israel thinks of changing its strategy toward achieving stability in the Middle East, the world com-

munity must do the same: • All international military and economic relations with countries that support terrorist activity -Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Libya - should be irozen. There should be an immediate economic embargo of Iran and Libya, including the withdrawal of embassies and consulates, until they have removed themselves from terrorist organizations and activities. The United States should pressure its European and Asian allies who continue to associate with

these pariah states. Negotiations with Syria should be suspended until it publicly commits to dissoclate Itself from the Hizbollah, or Party of God, as well as Hamas and their spin-off organizations and to dismantle their bases in Syria and Lebanon.

 International pressure should be applied on friendly Mideast states like Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and the Persian Gulf emirates who overlook Hamas and Hizbollah activities within their horders and who allow, passively or actively, the transfer of resources to these groups.

• The United States and other nations should outlaw all transfer of funds from Muslim organizations and private individuals to Palestinian organizations other than the Pal-

estinian Authority. • There should be international oversight of the use of funds arriving at territories under Palestinian control. Yasir Arafat might or might not be doing all he can to suppress militant activity. He needs help, and the international community should know what he is up to. ADI KRAUSE Washington, March 4, 1996

To the Editor:

Since Israel is a foreign country and thousands of miles away, it is understandable that President Clinton has continued to encourage Israel to stay with the current peace process despite the recent horrifying terrorist attacks.

1 wonder if the President would be as magnanimous toward terrorists who were blowing up city buses full of innocent United States citizens here in New York City or eveo Wash-JOE SCHWARZ

New York, March 6, 1996

### Cut Aid to Dependent Corporations Now

To the Editor: Dendent commission to help cut cor-Re "Move in Senate Aims at Cut-porate welfare is a welcome acting Corporate Ald" (front page, March 6): The effort by a bipartisan group of senators to form an inde-

Licensing Dog Breeders

To the Editor:

Your March 3 Our Towns column states that Maria Stathacos is "a licensed breeder registered with the American Kennel Club." The functioo of licensing breeders belongs to the United States Department of Agriculture. The American Kennel Club registers individual dogs only, and it routinely inspects the records of those who use our services. The club inspects 3.000 kennels a year.

The club suspends the privileges of anyone convicted of cruelty to animals. The cooditions observed during the Jan. 19 inspection of Ms. Stathacos's kennel were reported to the New York State Humane Society on Jan. 22, as is standard practice. We wish all humane societies responded as quickly as the Mobawk and River Humane Society did in this WAYNE CAVANAUGH

Vice Pres., American Kennel Club New York, March 6, 1996

knowledgment that there is businesscorporate subsidy and tax-break money unnecessarily leaving the United States Treasury.

The total cuts that the Republicans seek for balancing the budget in a magical seven years, primarily on the backs of the poor and the vulnerable middle class, pale by compari-

Cutting Aid to Families With Dependeot Children, food stamps, education, health, environmental, legal and other public welfare programs cannot save oearly the money given each year - estimated at \$100 billion to \$200 billion by research groups from left to right - in aid to dependent corporations.

It is an outrage that corporate welfare and the high peacetime military overindulgence (much of it pure corporate welfare) have remained sacrosanct. Our representatives in Washingtoo, many of whose campaigns are financed by these corporations, have oot seen fit to put these huge poteotial money sources on the table for their just share of the budget-cutting process.

isn't it past time? JOEL SELBIN Boulder, Colo., March 6, 1996

### Let Political Pundits Take Page From Bookies

To the Editor:

Tom Brokaw (Op-Ed, March 2) does a disservice to bookies when he equates them with stockbrokers and political pundits. Bookies are too smart to try to predict the future.

Recognizing the impossibility of repeatedly selecting the winner and betting to overcome the odds and point spread, bookies position themselves to profit from the failure of others to discern this truth. The bookie need oot concern himself with analyses, exit polls or earnings reports. The bettor's desire to include his fantasies is all the bookie requires to MICHAEL SCHREIBER prosper. Ossining, N.Y., March 4, 1996

To the Editor:

Tom Brokaw (Op-Ed, March 2) misses the point of the group-commentary political programs. Bookies and stockbrokers get paid regardless of who wins. It is the same with professional commentators.

Their function is like that of football commentators. The mental exercise of analyzing the plays and players provides the entertainment. In football, entertainment is the purpose, while politics is serious. Isn't

JAY B. BLOOM Springfield, N.J., March 2, 1996

### How Big a Threat Today Is the Factionalism Madison Foresaw?

To the Editor:

Re "Congress Shall Be Nothing if Not Cootentious" (Week in Review, March 3): In comparing the "unproductive, frequently petty partisan bickering of today's lawmakers with the efficiency of those who wrote the entire Constitution in just four months in 1787," you underscore that the Framers were more concerned with serving the national interest than is the 104th Congress.

The Founding Fathers were, as Benjamin Franklin observed, "here to consult, oot to contend with each other." In 1996, members of Congress are waging a permanent political campaign. Why bas political factionalism in America reached fever pitch today?

James Madison, the Constitution's master builder, noted in Federalist, No. 10: "The latent causes of faction are sown in the nature of man; and we see them everywhere brought into different degrees of activity.... A zeal for different opinions concern-

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ing religion, concerning government and many other points . . . an attachment to different leaders, ambitiously contending for pre-eminence and power; or to persons of other descriptions whose fortunes bave been interesting to human passions, have, In turn, divided mankind into parties, inflamed them with mutual animosity, and rendered them much more disposed to vex and oppress each other, than to cooperate for their common good. "But the most common and dura-

ble source of factions has been the various and unequal distribution of



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property. Those who hold and those who are without property have forged distinct interests in society.... A landed interest, a manufacturing interest, a mercantile interest, a moneyed interest ... grow up of necessity in civilized nations, and divide them into different classes, actuated by different sentiments and

"The regulation of these various and interfering interests forms the principal task of modern legislation. and involves the spirit of party and faction in the oecessary and ordinary operations of government."

You note that the "petty partisan bickering of today's lawmakers" has replaced the spirit of moderation and compromise of the delegates at Philadelphia in 1787. The 104th Congress has evoked intense passion oationwide over such issues as the flat tax, downsizing, health care, Medicare, Medicaid, resolution of problems of poverty and welfare, education, gun control, crime and drug-related

problems, abortion and racism. These issues dominate our daily lives. They are rooted in zealous partisanship, the successor to the factionalism envisaged by Madison. Few will deny the seriousness of these challenges. Whether their presence poses a threat to the stability of the American Republic remains to be seen. MURRAY EISENSTADT Deerfield Beach, Fla., March 5, 1996

Foreign Affairs

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

# Surely They Know

BEIJING

It was said without a moment's hesitation or a shred of doubt. The speaker was one of China's top state economists, and the question 1 had posed to bim was this: Can China afford to attack Taiwan? "No," he shook his head. "It would stop investment in China, stop growth, stop our last chance to catch up with the rest of the world."

Like everyone else 1 spoke to in the Chinese Government, this economist felt China would be fully justified in blasting Taiwan to prevent it from becoming independent. But unlike others he was also ready to express what every official here must know hut will not say aloud - that China cannot attack Taiwan without devastating its own economy.

Don't get me wrong, If Taiwan goes too far in its quest for a more independent profile on the world stage, I have absolutely no doubt that China will use military force to stop Taipei - no matter what the economic consequeoces. No Chinese leader could survive if he let Taiwan become independent. But no Chinese leader can survive without foreign investment and trade either. That is the leadership's real dilemma. Listen closely and you can hear the tension. Tang Shubei, China's top negotiator with Taiwan, said to me: "I do not want to argue with you labout the negative economic consequences of attacking Taiwan], hut should Taiwan strive for independence, we will not hesitate to use all means, including military ones, to safeguard the unity of the Motherland - but we still wish to see a peaceful settle-

The notioo that China might be inhibited about military action against Taiwan because it would have

### Attacking Taiwan would cost China.

a devastating economic impact might seem ludicrous in light of China's with the Soviet Union when Moscow was its only financial supporter in the world. In 1979 China shrugged off the economic consequences and went to war with Vietnam.

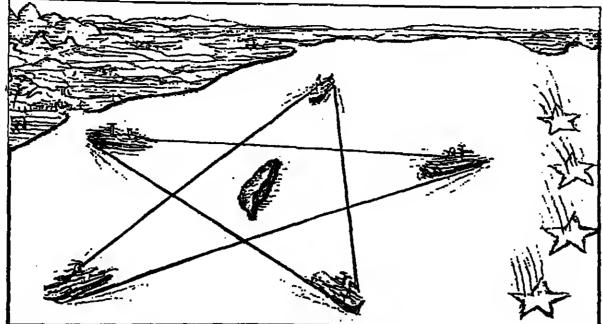
But today's China is different. It is no longer the isolated, peasant-based economy of the Mao era. It is oow connected to the global economy. And the legitimacy of China's leaders today depends on their ability to maintain economic growth and jobs to accommodate the millions of Chinese entering the labor force each year. China's leaders cannot do that without the \$100 million a day in foreign investment that now pours into China - which accounts for 20 percent of

total annual investment here. A good deal of that \$100 million would dry up the minute China attacked Taiwan. The Taiwan stock exchange would crash, choking off all Taiwanese investment in the Mainland, and that surely would lead to capital flight from the Hong Kong stock market as well — killing the two golden geese, Hong Kong and Taiwan, that together have built \$100 billion worth of factories, offices, hotels and energy plants in China. It is a measure of China's dependence on foreign investment that Wang Shougeng, a director of Shanghai's Foreign Investment Commission, was quoted as saying Friday that even if China has to attack Taiwan, 'there will be no big change in our attitude toward Talwan investors." Translation: Even if we invade, we sure hope your investor won't take it personal-

But U.S. officials say Chinese exports to the U.S. — which account for 40 percent of China's total exports would almost certainly be cut back in retaliation. Japan would surely halt its \$1 hillion in annual financial aid to China, and Singapore has already reportedly warned Beijing that if it attacks Talwan, Singapore would freeze its massive investment in Suzhou, an industrial city it is erecting outside Shanghai. Last week, Singapore's former Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, warned Beijing publicly that if it attacks Taiwan, "then China's hopes of becoming an industrial nation in 25 years will suffer a major setback." Such a setback would lead to massive unemployment in China's cities and explosive social unrest.

I believe China began more missile tests oear Taiwan because Chioa's leaders desperately want to terrify Taiwan away from any thoughts of independence - without actually going to war. Unfortunately, China's leaders seem to think the only way to avoid such a war is by taking everyone to the brink of it. But surely China's leaders know they can't go

over that hrink. They must know that, right? I mean, they have to. ... Maybe they don't know it ... What if they don't



# How Far to Support Taiwan?

By David Shambaugh

LONDON firing hallistic missiles within Taiwan's territorial waters, China is sending political and military messages to both the United States and Taiwan. Unless the Clinton Administration delivers a demonstrably tough response - both diplomatically and militarily - the exercises could escalate dangerously and Beijing will be convinced it can act with impunity.

The military exercises are but the latest in a long list of irritants, incloding Beijing's human rights violations and its sale of international arms. The Clinton Administration has bent over backwards to engage China constructively and help it integrate into the world order.

But Beijing's crude tactics are provocative and irresponsible for a country seeking international recognition as a great power. They also potentially force the United States into choosing between its relationship with Chioa and its longstanding ties with Taiwan. America understandably does not want war with the largest nation on earth, but it is time to lay down markers and protect American national interests.

Washington should begin by sending clear and unambiguous warnings to Beiling about its coercive behavior toward Taiwan. The Administration's condemnation of the missile tests does not go far enough. President Clinton should publicly restate America's commitment under the Talwan Relations Act to assist the island in defending itself. He should reiterate that America's entire relationship

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with China — since President Richard Nixon's visit in 1972 - has been premised on the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue. President Clinton must clearly state that China's recent actions call the entire relationship

into question. Words are important, but China respects power and action. The United States Navy should dispatch the carrier Independence (which has been cruising oorth of Taiwan) through the Taiwan Strait - an international passage through which Navy ships pass

### China's missiles are aimed at the U.S., too.

regularly to insure freedom of pavigation.

China's decision to fire missiles into the two "impact zones" within 20 miles of the Taiwan's two largest ports, Keelung and Kaohsiung, constitutes a de facto hlockade. Seventy percent of the island's trade and all of its oil imports pass through these ports. Such a partial blockade may be an act of war under international law and thus a matter for the United Nations Security Council. China must not be allowed to close Taiwan's harbors, as it will bring the island's econmy to its knees.

The missiles are just the beginning. Leading up to Taiwan's first-ever free presidential election, on March 23, China will cooduct the largest military maneuvers in its history. More than 150,000 troops have been mobilized. The exercises will involve mock bombing runs, simulated naval blockades and amphibious assaults on isprovoke a military response from Taiwan, which Beijing could then use as a pretext for "retaliation." Clearly the exercises are intended to intimidate the Taiwanese electorate and to quell the rising sentiment for autonomy and independence.

Most China analysts are confident that the exercises will cease soon after the elections. Taiwanese diplomats are already putting out the word that Taiwan's President, Lee Teng-hui, who is almost certain to be re-elected, will call for a truce and seek to establish direct trade, shipping and air services.

But for China the essence of the problem is Taiwan's quest for international recognition. It is likely to continue its military harassment until Taipei officially abandons its asplrations for statehood. But Mr. Lee is unlikely to do so, giving the United States a stark choice between supporting the forces of freedom and self-determination on the island or those of suppression and belligerence on the mainland.

This is a choice America needs to avoid. By standing firm against Beijing and counseling Taipei to be cautious, America may be able to hring both sides to the oegotiating table.

Given China's current hypernatiooalistic atmosphere and the struggle to succeed Deng Xiaoping, it is doubtful that it will show restraint on Taiwan if left unchecked. It is up to the United States, with the support of its Aslan and European partners, to sibly war over Taiwan, ..

### Maureen Dowd Love That Bob

Liberties

Bob Dole is the candidate of not. He has not come up with a reason why he should be President, other than that be was not a winner in '76

His primary message is that he is not Pat Buchanan. His message next fall will be that he is not Bill Clinton. He does not want to do debates or talk shows, because the panelists are always lecturing bim about how he does not have big ideas or soaring rhetoric. He does not talk, unless he has to. (As opposed to the man oow in the White House, who does not stop talking, unless he has to.)

Bob Dole does not want to listen to campaign advisers, because they are, after all, not Boh Dole.

The Kansas Senator does not envision a shining city oo a hill. Instead, be offers negation, telling crowds: "I've got news for you, President Clinton, we're going to veto you in '96." He had better hope that King Lear was wrong when he cried: Nothing can come of nothing."

My favorite oegative is when Mr. Dole drolly urges voters to support him because, "We've oever had a President named Bob."

Of course, we've never had a President named Biff or Buzz or Snoop Doggy Dog, either.

But, for lack of a vision thing, let's examine the came thing. Mr. Dole's name is already a topic of discussion, because of his odd habit of talking in the third person. It is unclear whether he does this for the same reason George Bush dropped pronouns and skipped straight to the verb - a mother who told him to be modest and not stress what Mr. Bush called "the hig I," Or if his tragic war experience caused alienation. Or if, as Mr. Dole has said, it's just good advertising.

Comedians have seized on the name. On the Letterman show, Dana Carvey bellowed: "I'm the Bobhiest Dole you've ever Dolie Bohbed!" A passage in the 18th century nov-

"Tristram Shandy" oo "name magic" deemed Bob a "neutral" oame, like Jack, Dick and Tom: "How many Caesars and Pompeys . . hy mere inspiration of the names,

have been rendered worthy of them! And how many ... are there who might have done exceeding well in the world, had oot their characters and spirits been totally depressed and Nicodemus'd into nothing." Bobs are trying to make a virtue of

Wide Weh site based on "The Boh Book: A Celehration of the Ultimate

Okay Guy."
"The Bob Book" features interviews with Bobs from Dole to New-hart to Woodward to Goulet. The Norman came means "hright fame," even though you can't think of any world leaders camed Boh. Roberts, as in Robert the Bruce and Robert E. Lee, get more respect.

"Bohs are never overwhelmed by circumstances; they face the music ooe note at a time," says the Boh Weh site. "They do not dance; they hum. There is nothing flashy about Bobs. They put forth only what they are capable of expending; they can afford to promise little more. It's not as though they can hide behind their name. There isn't room.'

Certainly, Boh seems better suited

### A palindrome for President.

to the owner of a Big Boy hamburger chain than a President. It might beat Jimmy or Millard, but it doesn't bave the weight of a Grover, Zachary or Ulysses. I checked around with some

"Boh never gets the girl — that's why Robert Redford is not called Boh," says Boh Goodman, a Republican media consultant.

"It's a friendly oame - you don't hear of too many serial killers named Bob," says Bobbie Battista, a CNN anchor.

"You can spell it backwards," says Bob Teeter, a G.O.P. pollster.

The only time the name was a chore," says Bob Strauss, a Democratic lawyer, "was when my friend Anwar Sadat could not pronounce it and kept calling me 'Booh.' "

"Paul Begala always called me 'Blob,' " says Bob Boorstin, a Clinton State Department official. "But Bobs areo't Blobs. Not at alL"

"Boh is better than Malcolm," says Bob Shrum, a Democratic consultant

Uotil Boh Dole comes up with some serious Ideas, he may as well stress consocance. He can offer voters the chance to elect America's first palindromic President. His re-

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# Oh, for Those Pearls

By Patricia Volk

n the oext couple of days, 15,000 people will receive 'The Estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis" in the mail. More than 4,000 items that belonged to the former First Lady will be up for grabs at a Sotheby's auction on April 23. The catalogue is 584 pages long and has oearly 800 illustrations. I want those

In the 60's, Jackie wore a faux triple strand just like the ones Barhara Bush wore in the 80's. But Babs's hold no charm for me. I want the ones President John F. Kennedy looked at over hreakfast, the ones Caroline and John-John fingered. I

### I'd buy anything, as long as it was owned by Jackie O.

want the pearls that will remind me, every time I wear them, of a period of potential, when I was 17, and a fairy tale seemed to be coming true. I want history's pearls, but if I can't get them, hey, I can be happy with the Black Bead Necklace.

When we flock to the estate auctions of famous people like the Duchess of Windsor and Bette Davis, we are hoping to buy more than provenance. The experience of reading the newspaper actually changes if you do it using the lamp President Kennedy read The Washington Post by. Does this mean we are our stuff? And if we buy their stuff, are we them? Does acquiring Jackie's black enamel cigarette lighter mean you have acquired a little piece of the lady herself? If I can't get the beads, I wouldn't mind

the Empire-Style Footstool. On Oct. 11, 1990, Sotheby's auctioned property from Virgil Thomson's estate. I lusted after Lot No. 9, "a fine hlack silk brocade vest with

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overall pattern of multicolored butterflies ... made for Gertrude Stein." I pictured Gertrude writing the "Autohiography of Alice B. Toklas"

in it. I pictured Virgil at the Chelsea Hotel sitting in the vest on his slipcovered wing chair while composing a musical portrait of a friend. Most of all, I pictured me, in front of my word processor, feeling charged and inspired in the giant vest. Virgil and Gertrude's genius would rage through my fingertips into the keyboard. Just looking at the vest would evoke them the same way my dead grandfather's ring evoked him when I wore it. I had to have the vest. The catalogue's estimated price was \$600 to \$900. I was prepared to go up to \$500. The winning bid was \$18,000. If I can't get the footstool, I'll settle

for the Miscellaneous Woven Baskets. In the auction of a famous person's estate, the fun is seeing close up what you were never meant to, the Intimacy of a stained rug, tchotchkes, bedroom items, for God's sake. So what if these things were chosen by Jackle's decorators? She used them, right? There's something deeper going on, too. It approaches kinship. The reasoning is: If we like the same

things, we're similar. I have a frieod who peeks into people's medicine chests. She thinks she can tell everything about people by looking at their pill bottles and creams, "Someday, maybe every-thing about me will be known, but not with my cooperation," Mrs. Onassis once said

Will we come a little closer to knowing a private, inaccessible woman hy ogling her stuff? So what if you never got invited to dinner. You can still sit at ber table. At celebrity auctions, we're able to feel the cloth and slide the drawers. We compare their things to ours. Sometimes, ours hold up. When I saw Rudoif Nureyev's shabby yellow sofas at Christie's, he was instantly humanized. Nureyev let things fall apart. He was, gasp!, like me.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis wore white gloves to the theater, got her hair done 104 times a year and had a place in history no sane person could envy. The Garnet Brooch is another story. What the heck, I'll take an

# Lord Sting is at Peace In His Fields of Gold

By GUY GARCIA

WILTSHIRE, England JRROUNDED by massive wooden furniture, thick Persian carpets and a dripping candelabra, Sting leans forward in the baronial sitting hall of his 16th-century manor house in this bamlet, a 90minute drive southwest of London, and begins to tell a story. "I was climbing an Aztec pyramid in Mexico," he says. "And when I got to the top, there was this guy sitting in a lotus position, facing the view. Suddenly, without even turning his bead, he announced, 'You will find peace within, Sting.'" Laughing at the memory, which even he concedes sounds farfetched, the singer adds, "He seemed to be expecting me."

The unspoken punch line, of course, is that at 44, pop's protean troubadour has indeed found his own kind of creative nirvana. Besides the pastoral pleasures of his 60-acre estate, the former leader of the rock band the Police has just become a father for the sixth time (his infant son, Giacomo, is his fourth child with his wife, Trudie Styler, a film producer and actress). He bas just finished a oew movie, "The Gro-tesque," in which he and Ms. Styler star as a malevolent butler and his housekeeper wife. And his seventh solo album, "Mercury Falling," which he previewed at a concert last weekend at the Academy in New York, will be released on Tuesday.

At a stage of life when most pop stars have burned out or faded, Sting has held his place in the musical firmament as the thinking man's rocker. His bratty neo-punk persona of the 80's has long since given way to a mellower, more aristocratic air, and like the aging baby boomers who still buy his records, he has traded the sybaritic pursuits of youth for the quieter pleasures of home and family.

Sting's music has also slowed down and become more stately, taking on jazz, classical and Latin touches. But as Sting has changed, branching out into environmental causes, films and even CD-ROM's, hls audience has evolved along with him, proving that artistic innovation and popularity are not always mutually exclusive.

"He has his own particular signature, which is a certain of kind of a jazzy thing, but it's also accessible and dynamic, says the singer-songwriter James Tayloc, who has been a. friend for almost a decade. "He has consuming interests - most of them musical, some of them literary but also he's interested in architecture and art and various causes. Plus, for an Englishman, he has great teeth."

Belying its title, "Mercury Falling" continues Sting's trajectory away from the downbeat introspection that had become the hallmark of his post-Police career. Like his last full-scale studio album, "Ten Summoner's Tales" (1993), which sold more than eight million copies worldwide, "Mercury Falling" is an eclectic showcase for Sting's pop gifts, but the mood is more buoyant. There's even a song in which he sings, "I saw a friend of mine/ He said I look different somehow/ I said everybody's got to leave their darkness behind sometime."

"I've found him to be more and more relaxed," says Mike Figgis, the director who cast Sting in the lead role of Mr. Figgis's 1988 movie, "Stormy Monday" and more recently enlisted him to sing on the soundtrack of his current hit, "Leaving Las Vegas."

"Musically, he's arrived at a place where he's technically very good at what he does, and he's really starting to enjoy not having to push the envelope all the time, which as a younger pop star you're expected to do." Mr. Figgis says. "Also, he's got a very strong family unit now, so he's got a really solid base, and f think he's quite peaceful about that."

Sting admits that fatherhood has deepened his appreciation for the importance of family. "Well, I'm not a normal father," he says, referring to his hectic schedule. "I'm like a sailor. I'm here 24 hours, and then I'm away. But you know it's a mixed bag, just like anybody."

Sting's new-found tranquillity is evident on a recent visit to Lake House, his meticulously restored stone mansion in a bucolic burg within walking distance of Stonehenge. The house, which was featured on the cover of Architectural Digest in January, is an elegant jurnble of Elizabethan and Gothic Revival antiques, patrolled by a ragtag gang of amiable dogs and cats. Through the mullioned windows one can glimpse part of an English garden and a 350-year-old copper beech tree that convinced the couple that they should buy the house. "Got it for

a song, literally," Sting says. Dressed in olive safari pants, work boots and an open-collared shirt with unbuttoned sleeves, Sting epitomizes the country squire as he rises from a heavy wood table strewn with pages of music and leads the way to the new recording studio that he built in a former stable on the property. Pointing to a small dial in the center of a state-of-the-art mixing board, he says, "There's the volume," and then slips out of the studio while an

unmixed version of "Mercury Fail-

Afterward, Sting and Ms. Styler sit takes his place at the table, an imhand. "One of the hounds of winter," opening track on the oew album.

The talk turns to "The Grofering from some inner conflict.

"He'd make a good Nazi in a way, because a lot of German soldiers are - into being part of a movement that they didn't actually believe in," crisis of faith in some way."

Sting, for his part, describes his waters flowing.

waiting for Hollywood to call, which is what I think you have to do," he

Janet Maslin, writing in The New York Times, called Sting's "quietly menacing performance" in "Stormy Mooday" "perhaps the movie's biggest surprise." His star turn in a 1989 Broadway revival of "The Threepenny Opera" fared less well. Frank Rich of The Times described him as "a stiff onstage."

After lunch, Sting repairs to the "captain's room," named after an eccentric seaman who once lived in lt. With a wood fire crackling behind him, he settles into an oversize chair near a desk strewn with books and classical and jazz CD's. Sipping from a cup of hot water and lemon, he talks about how his new-found optimism has begun to surface in his

"fn the past, I thought that to be creative you had to suffer somehow," he reflects. "Now I'm in the mode where I feel, O.K., I've lived a tough life and I want not to be smug, but I want to be content in my life and draw on that contentment. I don't subscribe to that thing any more of being traumatized or living in the gutter to produce decent

Born Gordon Sumner in Newcastle in 1951, a shipping town in the north of England, Sting worked as a provincial schoolteacher before joining the guitarist Andy Summers and the drummer Stewart Copeland in



Sting in the 1984 movie "Dune"

the late 70's to form the Police. (He got his professional moniker after showing up at a rehearsal one day in a black-and-yellow-striped sweater.)

The band went on to become one of the most popular bands in the world before breaking up in 1985. Sting ooce told an interviewer that he bad become a rock star to escape his working-class origins (his father was a milkman; his mother a hairdresser), a comment be later repudiated. Sting's ambivalence about his past was the inspiration for the 1991 album "The Soul Cages," a deeply introspective work that he wrote af-

ter the death of his parents. The fleeting nature of life and the creative act itself are themes that resurface in "Mercury Falling." 'Mercury is an interesting image,' Sting explains. "It has astronomical, astrological and mythological connotations. Mercury is the god of com-merce, the god of thievery, the god of change. He's the messenger of the gods. I like the mercurial idea, some-

thing you can't quite pin down." True to form, Sting apans a wide spectrum of musical styles on "Mercury Falling," from the Brazilian slide of "I Was Brought to My Senses" to the mock-country twang of "I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying" to "Let Your Soul Be Your Pilot," a rousing gospel oumber that features a cburch choir and the Memphis Horns. In a review of the Academy concert, Jon Pareles of The Times said of Sting's new material, "No other top 10 contender is so fond of odd meters or mid-song

ing" pours from the speakers.

down to a lunch of pasta, bread and grilled mushrooms in Lake House's spacious country kitchen. As he posing Irish wolfhound nuzzles his he says, referring to the title of the

tesque," which Ms. Styler produced and for which no release date has been set. Asked to describe Sting as an actor, she retorts, "Cheap and cheerful." During the filming of "Stormy Monday," Mr. Figgis found Sting to be "a good actor with a natural sense of timing" and thought that his talents were best suited to playing dark characters who are suf-

were coerced — as people always Mr. Figgis says. "So I could see him playing a role where he's having a

acting career, which has included roles in the movies "Plenty,"
"Dune" and "The Bride," all in the mid-80's, as "a good way to get the

"But I'm not sitting by the phone

and there, but that interests me. I don't want to get into one groove and just dig and dig. I'm not that kind of Mr. Taylor is one of many celebrities who have appeared at several of Sting's annual concerts in New York to benefit the Rainforest Foundation's efforts to protect the homelands of the Kaiapó tribe of Brazil. He bristles at the notion that Sting's activism is self-serving. "That bis motivation is somehow baser than the obvious one, which is that we all live here in the world and are concerned with its protection, is absurd," Mr. Taylor says. "It's stupid and just mean." Yet even his closest friends ac-

knowledge that there's something about Sting that annoys some people. "It's a slightly schoolteacherish quality, which is not too surprising since he was a schoolteacher once, observes Mr. Figgis. "He does do his homework, so that when he talks about something be'll present it in a kind of semifactual way, which is

Dominic Miller, who bas played

guitar in Sting's band since "The

Soul Cages" and regularly chal-

lenges him to a friendly game of

chess while touring, adds: "He's got

a very lateral mind when it comes to

music, and that transcends into oth-

er areas as well. He's got a great end

game. I'll be way ahead of him and

I'll be celebrating opening the

champagne, and next thing I know I've lost my queen. He doesn't care if

he's a piece or two down. It doesn't

seem to affect him in the slightest."

Sting is equally unperturbed by

accusations that his support for so-

cial and environmental organiza-

tions like the Rainforest Foundation,

of which Ms. Styler is a co-founder,

are motivated more by egomania

than by genuine concern. "The good

and bad tend to balance out," he says

with a shrug. "I've been accused of

being a gadfly and just dabbling here

slightly unnerving perhaps." At the same time, Mr. Figgis adds: "A lot of it is resentment. He's good-looking, be's a really good singer, and women really like him. The resentment seems oot ever to come from women; it almost always comes from men. It's a lot of jealousy, I think."

Sting, who will lead another rainforest benefit on April 12 at Carnegie Hall, stands by bls efforts to help the Kaiapo, many of whom bave become his friends. "I'm fascinated by South America," be says. "I think it's the frontier for many human activities." In return, the Kaiapo have intro-

duced him to the rites of their culture, including ceremonies involving the ingestion of psychotropic plants. "It's daunting whenever you bave an experience like that because you're lealing with raw fear," he explains. "I'm totally against frivolous drug taking as some sort of party tool. But in a religious, informed context, it's the best thing you can do. I believe that in evolutionary terms we've just swung down from the trees, and that one of the things that made us human was the relationship with certain plants that tripped us into consciousness. I think we need another

evolutionary leap." proaches, Sting doesn't mind sounding more like someone from the 60's | 90 Hornless cow

than from the 90's. He remains optimistic that humankind may yet find a way to rise above its self-destructive tendencies. "Certain forms of behavior cannot carry on, logically, without disastrous effects," he says. "We need a reallty check. But this sort of Armageddon lobby - people wanting disaster to happen - it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. I don't want to support those people. I'm looking forward to the next millennium. l'Il be 50."

Claiming to have "run out of charisma," Sting suggests a walk in the garden. Strolling past a green glade, he casually announces, "f plan to be buried there someday." A few yards down the path, he stops at the barn, where the sight of a newborn calf me/ seems to invigorate him.

Heading back to the bouse, he halts in his tracks to recount another life-affirming moment. "I was walking this way the other day, and It was overcast, just like now," he says. "And suddenly the clouds parted and there was this big rainbow arching over the house. It was so beautiful I almost cried. There was no one else struggling to take its first steps around it seemed to be there just for ... h Sting on his 60-acre estate southwest of London-Pastoral pleasures, mellower air.

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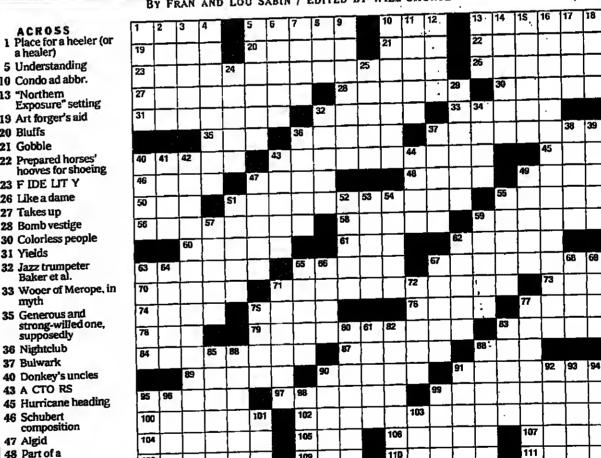
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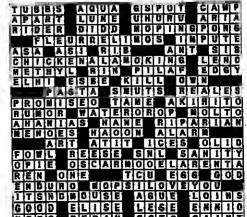
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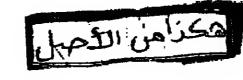
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# and Mossad combine in 007 antics

THE Mossad agents were on the run, winding through the crowded streets of Khartoum, one step ahead of Sudan's secret police and their Libyan allies. The agents had been betrayed by Sudanese informants, their cover as European businessmen blown and their station - disguised as a private business office - compromised. They bad managed to salvage only their secret communications gear before speeding off into the dark.

Their destination: Milton Bearden's bouse.

For the next 30 days, Bearden, Khartoum station chief of the CIA, hid the four agents from Sudanese authorities, moving them from one CIA safe bouse to another to prevent their capture and likely execution.

Finally, the CIA arranged a remarkable escape, packing the four into crates custom-fitted with oxygen tanks, and then, just as their pursuers were closing in, shipping them as cargo on a Kenyabound aircraft.

The story of bow the CIA rescued these Mossad agents has not been made public before, and it belps to shed new light on the ties between the US and Israeli intelligence agencies, one of the least understood, most complex relation-

ships in the espionage world. With the demise of the Soviet KGB. no other spy service remains so shronded in mystery and intrigue as the Mossad. In the post-Cold War world where US intelligence agencies resemble giant bureaucracies facing constant congressional oversight, the Mossad stands as a tough, daring spy service stripped down for fighting with a clear-cut goal - ensuring Israel's survival.

The Mossad's reputation for independence and ruthless action is legendary. But its effectiveness has always relied to a significant degree on its close ties with the CIA, its institutional big brother in the West. Increasingly though, that rela-tionship is complicated by a growing feeling among some in the American national security establishment that it has become too one-sided.

The Mossad, some US sources complain, has done little recently to help US efforts to track down international terrorists, even in the Middle East. For example, America neutralized teams of Iraqi assassination and terrorist agents sent out by Iraq's Saddam Hussein during the Persian Gulf crisis without help from the Mossad, US intelligence

Worse, some in the US now see Israeli intelligence as a post-Cold War rival that bas made America a prime target for its spying, for both political and economic

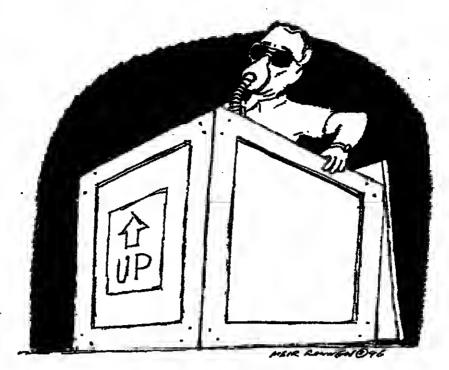
"By all accounts, the Israelis are among the most acrive foreign intelligence services operating in the United States," observes Jeffrey Richelson, an author and expert on US intelligence.

A decade after naval intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard was imprisoned, a US Defense Department memo on counterintelligence recently labeled Israel a "nontraditiooal adversary" on espionage

The memo caused a furor in the American Jewish community after it was leaked, because it suggested that Israeli intelligence relied on "strong ethnic ties" to American Jews to conduct its spying. It was quickly disavowed by the

Pentagon and the report was withdrawn. Both the CIA and Israeli government refused to comment on any aspect of the intelligence relationship between the CIA and the Mossad.

But US experts believe that Israel aggressively spies on America because of - and in spite of - its reliance on Washington for economic and military aid. Politically, Israel needs to know where US policy is heading; economi-



cally, it craves US technology to maintain its high-tech military.

Despite the ambiguities in the relationship, the ties between many CIA and Mossad officers in the field remain close and the agencies can work together well. In the 1990s, for example, in another

episode never before disclosed, the CIA agreed to broker secret meetings in Germany between the Mossad and Palestinians, as Israeli intelligence sought to reduce conflicts on the espi-

Further, observers say, the Clinton

administration is likely to offer even greater intelligence support to Israel if it agrees to give up the Golan Heights and its critical listening posts - as part of a peace treaty with Syria.

On a personal level, Bearden, who retired from the CIA in 1994, says he and his colleagues felt a sense of "brotherhood" with the Mossad. And when the issue was life or death, any hint of rivalry vanished. The CIA rescue of the Mossad agents in Khartoum was clearly a high point in the secret partnership. In the spring of 1985, a military coup

in Sudan led to the overthrow of President Jafaar Numeiri, a pro-US leader. Numeiri was in Washington at the time of the coup, but many of his top lieutenants were not so lucky. They were quickly arrested, severing the CIA's ties to the Sudanese government.

Meanwhile, Libyan agents working

for dictator Muammar Gaddafi began arriving to support the new Islamic gov-

ernment The situation grew more grim when the new Sudanese regime received a tip disclosing the existence and location of the secret Israeli intelligence station in Khartoum. With the airport closed and no other way out of the country, the Mossad agents had few alternatives: Israel had no diplomatic relations with Sudan, so it had no embassy to provide a haven.

Desperate, the agents reached out to the CIA and Bearden.

Two Mossad agents knocked on the front door of Bearden's home, unloaded their communications gear and moved into an upstairs bedroom. They were soon joined by a third Mossad agent from their statioo, a few days later, a fourth agent - sent in under cover by Israel to try to rescue the others - was there too.

Outside, on Khartoum's streets, the Sudanese and Libyans were hunting them, Bearden recalls.

But the CIA was soon able to monitor which part of the city the Sudanese would be scouring each night, and moved the agents from bouse to house. Every few nights, a darkened minibus from the US embassy would shuttle the Mossad agents and their CIA minders, all packing sidearms, among three sites Bearden's bome, that of another CIA officer and a CIA safe house.

Finally, Bearden said, the Sudanese authorities grew suspicious of the Americans. "We stayed ahead of them,"

"But the hunt for them was going on all over town." Desperate, Bearden gambled, telling the CIA and Mossad he planned to crate up the agents and fly them out of Khartoum airport.

CIA technicians built special crates one for each Mossad agent.

The crates were fitted with holes and plastic tubes for breathing, as well as solid-state oxygen tanks in case the holes became blocked.

The CIA arranged for a cargo aircraft to fly into Khartoum after the airport was reopened. A van from the US Embassy carried the crated agents straight from Bearden's bouse to the air-

A CIA officer rode in the front seat; there were two more in back with the boxes. The embassy driver bluffed his way through airport security.

The plan seemed to be going smoothly, until Bearden got a tip that the Sudanese had figured out that he was hiding the spies, and that be was somehow trying to get them to Kenya. About the same time, the CIA officers at the airport reported that a Sudanese belicopter bad begun to bover suspiciously

Bearden immediately called oo a secure telephone, ordering the plane to take off and get the Mossad agents out. As soon as the crates were aboard, the plane turned and moved onto the runway, despite nervous calls from the

Khartoum tower. The plane took off without incident. By the time it landed in Nairobi, the Mossad men were out of their crates, with new identities to cover their travel back to Israel.

Soon, Bearden got word that he might be a target of an assassination attempt by the Libyans in Sudan. He didn't push his luck for long. He quickly left for a new (Los Angeles Times)

# Legal volley belonged on home court

#### LAW REPORT ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the National Labor Court before the president, Judge Menahem Goldberg, judges Yitzhak Eliasoff and Menahem Meron, employees representative Rahel Helbatz ond employers' representative Moshe Oren, in the motter of Haifo Chemicals Ltd., and Duclos International S.A., appellants, versus Albert Ben-Simon, respondent (Mem. (2.96)-Resh. Doled Bet Avin Nun Vav/3-161, 9-104).

N June 29, 1992, Ben-Simon signed a contract with. Haifa Chemicals under which he would be temporarily employed in France until June 15, 1993, as the accountant International, one of its subsidiaries

The contract was extended until November 18, 1994, and Ben-Simon actually worked for Duclos until January 8, 1995.

Clause 20 of the contract provided that any differences between the parties would be adjudicated by the competent court in Haifa, and that each party would be restrained from lodging a claim in any other court.

Shortly after the expiry of his contract in November 1994, Ben-Simom lodged a claim in a French court against Haifa Chemicals for damages, sever-ance pay and other relief. Haifa Chemicals and Duclos then applied to the Haifa District Labor Court for an injunction restraining him from proceeding with his claims in any French court, and ordering him to bring his action before the Haifa Labor

The Haifa court issued the injunction and ruled that the dispute was in the main a matter of law. It decided, therefore, with the parties' consent, to dispense with cross-examining deponents and to receive counsels' summations in writing.

On June 22, 1995, it gave its judgment, without reasons, since the proceedings in France were

scheduled to begin in weeks. It decided to cancel the injunction, and permit Ben-Simon to pursue his claim in the French court.

It gave its reasons for judgment on January 8, 1996. It beld. inter alia, that the circumstances created a separate employment contract between Duclos and Ben-Simon which did not include a clause similar to clause 20 above, and that Haifa Chemicals and Duclos bad acted, in their relations with Ben-Simon, in bad faith. They then ledged an appeal to the National Labor Court on January 23, 1996, also applying for reinstatement of the injunction issued by the District Court.

JUDGE ELIASOFF delivered the judgment of the court. The Conrt Regulations (Procedure) of 1991, be said, required an appeal from a district court to be lodged within 30 days of judgment. Ben-Simon's counsel, therefore, raised the preliminary argument that the appeal had been lodged too late since the Labor Court judgment. although without reasons, had been given on June 22, 1995.

The appellants' counsel submitted that the period for lodging the appeal ran from the date of the reasons, since it was impossible to appeal without knowing them. The court, however, without ruling which of the above submissions was correct, decided to extend the period for lodging the appeal until the date it was lodged, as provided in regulation 125 of the above regula-

tions. Appellants' counsel cmphasized, be continued, that the legal question of the appropriate forum for trying the issnes between the parties did not arise, since the appellants relied on a since the appellants relied on a specific and clear provision in the contract between Haifa Chemicals and Ben-Simon. Even if Bcn-Simon was also employed by Duclos, that did not affect at least Haifa Chemicals' right to

enforce clause 20. Moreover, the district court bad ruled on the facts, and had even held the appellants guilty of bad faith, without hearing evi-

The first part of clause 20, Judge Eliasoff continued, would bave entitled the appellants - or, at least, Haifa Chemicals - to request the French court not to deal with the case. He held, however, citing precedents, that their failure to do so did not preclude them from now moving the appropriate Israeli court to apply the second part of clause 20, and order Ben-Simon to fulfill his undertaking.

It was imperative, he said, that an obligation to litigate in a particular court be clear and unambiguous. It was not sufficient for it to be implied, or read between the lines. Even then, an order restraining litigation in a foreign country, which has implications affecting a foreign court, will only be given after the must careful consideration. Counsel for both parties had

argued at length in the district court as to when the contract between the parties terminated. A finding on this point, however, which was complicated and necessary for resolving all the disputes between them, was unnecessary in the present proceedings, which related only to the narrow question of continuing the claim in the French court.

There was no dispute as to the provisions of clause 20 of Ben-Simon's contract and no reason why the court should not decide the issue before it based on the material before the district court.

Clause 20 was clear and understood by both Haifa Chemicals and Ben-Simon. There was no reason why the court should not enforce the contractual obligations the clause created. Judge Eliasoff also pointed out

that the relations between Ben-Simon and Duclos did not call for decision in these proceedings. It had not been argued that these parties signed a contract. and the question of the court in which any dispute between them was to be decided did not arise. Moreover, Duclos was not a party to the contract between Ben-Simon and Chemicals, and was also not cited as a defendant in the French court.

The court realized, be said, that this judgment was being given more than a year after the claim in the French court was lodged. However, since the hearing of the case had not yet begun, it

could have no adverse influence on the French judicial process.

FOR THE above reasons, Haifa Chemicals' appeal was allowed, and that of Duclos was dismissed. The District Court's judgment was set aside, and the injunction against Ben-Simon was confirmed. Ben-Simon was ordered to pay Haifa Chemicals' costs in the sum of NIS 3,500

Eli Mei-Tal appeared for the appellants, and Ofer Attias appeared for Ben-Simon.

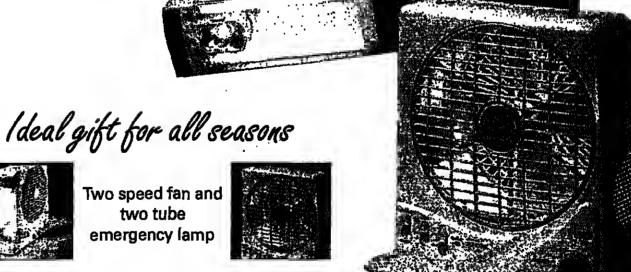
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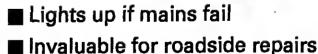
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# Kinneret development freezes over

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

NVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid's decision to freeze development around the Kinnerer for an indefinite period has aroused complaints from some Tiberias developers. But such a freeze is, if anything, overdue.

There are times when only halting activity gives an opportunity for thoughtful planning. There is little denying that the Kinneret is a badly abused lake, especially since it is the nation's principal water

Nor is this the first time such a measure has been necessary. In the early 1970s, development was frozen for a time to implement serious planning and enable the government-appointed think-tank to assess the measures needed to protect the Kinneret, No matter bow much lip service is paid by the public to the value of this great lake, the fact is we treat it very badly. Contaminated water flows down Wadi

Amud and seeps into the lake, sewage systems in

Tiberias are, in many cases, too old and leak. Every rain sweeps agricultural pesticides, berbicides and farmyard contaminants into the lake's water, In addition, poor waste disposal all around the lake adds a burden of oils, detergents, plastic by-products and heavy metals. And every addition of a botel, restaurant or vacation facility around the lake adds to the overall pollution.

Careless building projects bring about erosion of the coastline and theft of river stones causes the water to become muddied and to carry this pollution into the lake.

This is without mentioning the behavior of the average Israeli who visits the lake. Everything from leftover food to charcoal and detergent mixes in the water with the floating plastic and soft-drink cans around every picnic site. There is also the problem that fewer and fewer

places are available to the general public, as each year more of the really desirable beaches are leased and fenced in by private concerns. Soon there simply won't be enough public recreation area for the number of visitors. Already those areas devoted to the public are overcrowded on huli-

days to the point where a visit is no longer a pleasure.

If we don't take drastic steps to protect our water

resources, we are going to be in for as serious a problem as we have ever faced. The time to take these steps is now. If we don't, there remains the fear that we may wake up to the

dangers too late for anything to help. So, however unpopular this move may make Sarid. he is taking the only reasonable step for a responsible environment minister. In time, one hupes that even those who now object will see the wisdom in it.

# February's trade deficit grows by \$1b.

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

FEBRUARY'S trade deficit grew by \$1 billion, an increase of 13.4 percent over the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Exports, which totaled \$1.07 billion last month, bave been

decreasing steadily since November, when they hit a high of \$1,15b.

Imports have been expanding commuously and totaled \$2.06b. last mouth.

These seasonally adjusted fig-ures do not include the import or export of ships, airplanes, diamonds and fuel.

Since September, the trade deficit has steadily been expanding by two to three percent per

Between October 1995 and February 1996 imports, not including diamonds and gasoline, increased by 1.6%-1.5% per month, compared to a 1% increase for exports in the same time peri-

Despite the nominal growth in the trade deficit, the pace of its increase bas slowed in comparison to the 3%-5% monthly growth rate registered between June and

September 1995. Diamonds and gasoline imports totaled \$500m. last month, with raw materials comprising 60% of all imports, consumer goods 17% and machinery and equipment

Imports of machinery and equipment have risen by 2.4%-3% monthly since the start of 1995's

fourth quarter. Throughout the first three quarters of 1995, this number increased by some 1.6%-2.2%

Imports of consumer goods have increased by 1.5% to 2% since August 1995 and imports of raw materials have been rising by

1.1%-1.2% since September. Industrial goods totaled 66% of exports, demonstrating a 1% increase since October.

Diamonds remained steady at 28% and agricultural products remained steady at 6% of all

# 'Discount's sale shows investor confidence'

THE successful sale last week of 14.5 percent of Israel Discount Bank's shares indicates investors are maintaining their confidence in the local economy in general and the banking sector in particular, despite recent terrorist attacks. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat

said yesterday.

The share offering last Thursday closed at NIS 3.20 per share, about 10.3% above the minimum price. The warrants' price was set at NIS 3.70. approximately 131% over the minimum.

Foreign institutions purchased about 25% of the stock.

The issue raised an immediate NIS 247m. Another NIS 249m. will be raised when the warrants are exercise within two years. Ron Lubash, general manager

of US investment bank Lehman Brothers local outlet, said the offering represents a breakthrough in distribution of Tel Aviv listed securities overseas. However, work still needs to be

done to fully integrate domestic local offerings with the standards and requirements of international markets, he added. In the meantime. MI Holdings,

the government-owned company in charge of the bank sale process. has started to prepare United Mizrahi Bank's (UMB) public offering with the intention of sell-

The economists said the

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ing a package of shares on the exchange in May. The issue will be based on

UMB's financial statements for 1995. MI Holdings has not yet decided on the sale process. Lehman Brothers and Societe

Generale handled the negotiations with foreign investors for the Discount Bank offering.

Lubash said the offering highlighted the differences in the methodologies and the systems between Israel and international markets. He said part of the privatization process involved educating international investors with the way an Israeli issue is done. which consists of a tender process

and a pre-commitment stage.

To some extent 1 think these differences, even though people have gone through an education process and put in orders, make distribution of Israeli securities abroad less attractive," said Lubash. "If things here were exactly the way they were overseas, it would be easier to use them as a regular distribution methodology. If it is cumbersome, it takes away from investors appetite. There was interest, but some standardization and further integration with international laws

must be thought out and pursued."

Meir Yacobson said the successful privatization of the country's third largest bank will contribute to the capital markets' upsurge and will also encourage first-class finan-cial institutions to become involved in the capital market in the future. He said MI Holdings is currently working on United Mizrahi Bank's issue, which is

scheduled for May. Capital market analysts attributed the offering's success to Yacobson's decision to sell 60 percent of the total shares offered 10 institutional investors in Europe. This is the first time European investors took part in the purchase of an Israeli bank.

The analysts emphasized MI Holdings' courage to go ahead with the offering at a time when there is very little activity in the primary market.

Lubash said the results display iremendous international interest, which swayed Israeli investors to take part in the issue.

"It is interesting to note that the strong interest in the pre-commitment stage came before the domestic interest, which followed on the strong earlier indications that came from outside," Lubash said. "Sometimes, things seem more visible from a global per-

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Plan to unlink salaries approved: A committee of government ministers approved Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's plan to unlink the salaries of employees who work in different branches of

the public sector.

Until now, the salaries of directors general in the government
Until now, the salaries of directors general in the government
were linked to those of government MKs and deputy ministers, as
were those of beads of security services and judges in the Supreme
were those of beads of security services and judges in the Supreme Court. The decision will only go into effect for people who assume such positions as of June 1, 1996.

Jennifer Friedlin

Saguy wants Mifal Hapayis salaries made public: MK Gideon Saguy (Labor) yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to ask that Finance Minister Avraham Sbohat condition Mifal Hapayis' license on making salaries and pensions of its senior officials public.

According to press reports, chairman Gideon Gadot is making over NIS 60,000 a month, and will be eligible for about NIS 900,000 in severance pay when he retires plus a pension of some NIS 42,000 a month. Two of Mifal Hapayis' board of directors tried to convene a board meeting on the subject, but the other directors. decided it was not even worth a discussion.

### Gov't approves more foreign workers

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THE manufacturing sector yesterday called on the government to import another 5,000 foreign workers for the manufacturing In the meantime, the govern-

ment yesterday decided to permit 3,500 foreign workers to work in the agriculture sector and another 13.000 in the construction sector. Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper said there is a shortage of 3,500 workers in the manufacturing sector, in addition to 1,700 workers who temporarily cannot enter the country because of the closure. Since the Gulf war, the manu-

facturing sector has reduced its dependence on Palestinian workers to 1,700 from 22,500, Propper

### '96 CPI to hit 11%

THE Consumer Price Index is expected to reach 11 percent this year, Israel Discount Bank's economists predicted in their monthly economic report.

According to the bank's economists, the last few months' high inflation rate was influenced by the significant growth in money supply in the March-September 1995 period, which went up 40%

At the same time, the monetary Discount.

interest rate fell an accumulated

tion forecasts," said Bank

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Suppliers who wish to be included in the register should apply for a registration form from Ms. Anat Amram, Training and Education Service, Prime Minister's Building, Floor 6, Room 711, Jerusalem (Tel. 02-705220). Offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Hotels Pool."

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3. Bids should be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, not later than April 23, 1996, 6 p.m. 4. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the entire work from one source.

Bids sent by fax or telegram will not be considered.

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Even if it decided to cut the budget after the elections, a subsequent reduction in the interest will be gradual and much smaller, and take into account developments in the budget deficit, trade deficit, money supply and public's infla-

February Consumer Price Index is expected to be a relatively low They said the rise in the means of payments has slowed down

fell 0.5% in February.

According to the economists, the domestic budget deficit in the January-February period\_shows\_ that the government will not meet its aims to reduce the government

after the elections, a measure which will reduce both its involvement in the economic sector and its financial assistance to

In addition, the Bank Discount economists urged the government to implement reforms in the labor market and in public sector wages in an attempt to cut public spend-

\*Difficulties in implementing a real cut in government expenditure is expected to increase the tax burden by reducing government participation in employers payments to National Insurance and also increase Value Added Tax." the bank's economists said.



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to postpone vote on electricity bill during the last few months and

A continued drop in the means of payment is expected to reduce the rise in the CPI at the start of

The economists also forecast that the government will bave to significantly cut its expenditures

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MK SILVAN Sbalom (Likud) yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order the vote on the government's electricity bill post-

poned until after the Labor primaries, due to suspicions that the Israel. Electric Corp.'s union has been using the primaries to influ-ence voting on the bill. The bill is slated to come up for

its second and third reading today. The pentinn, by attorney Alon Gelert, notes that the IEC union openly tried in press its 18,000 members into registering for the Labor Party, precisely so that the union would be able to influence the votes of Labor MKs on the bill.

#### **EVELYN GORDON**

Likud MK asks High Court

For instance, a letter sent to retired IEC workers in the South, with a Labor Party registration form attached, stated:

"The future of the company, and its continued existence depend on and threats in its efforts to get widespread and comprehensive registration [for the party], by means of which we will be able to influence policy-setters among the MKs with respect to the IEC."

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair recently ordered the opening of a criminal investigation into the union's activities, on the grounds that it appears to have violated the after the primaries, when these

law against using state-owned facilities and funds - in this case, those of the IEC - for party purposes, and may also bave violated

union members to register for Labor. Ben-Yair's decision indicates a real possibility that Labor MKs' votes on the electricity bill will be influenced by the umon's threats which may even turn out to have

been illegal - and therefore man-

the laws against election bribery

Shalom argued. Furthermore, the petition argued, the bill, which largely perpetuates the IEC's monopoly, violates the

timeats will no longer be effective,

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Shalom therefore asked Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss to postpone the vote, and when Weiss dates postponing the vote until refused, he petitioned the High Court.

### **Elco Industries posts** 20% rise in net profits

COMPANY RESULTS RACHEL NEIMAN

ELCO Industries, which specializes in electro-mechanical systems and equipment, yesterday announced its annual net profits rose 20 percent to NIS 51.46m.

Consolidated revenues were NIS 432.54m. from NIS 419.36m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 6.98 from NIS 5.83.

Elco Industries includes among others Elcomat, Elco Marketing, Electra and Katzenstein Eldar Clai Computers Technology reported annual net losses of NIS 4.4m., compared with net losses

of NIS 4.5m, in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 250.25m. from NIS 196.68m. The rise in revenues was attributed mainly to increased activity on the part of Malam Systems to 27% of total revenues from 12%.

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Clal Computers acquired Malam in the second balf of 1994 for NIS 58.7m. Funding costs on the purchase increased to NIS 7.3m. from NIS 3m. in 1994, the result of high interest rates during the first balf of last year.

During the third quarter, Clal Computers registered NIS 1.4m. in capital gains on the sale of NIS 1.5m. the result of Malam's waiving all rights to multimedia company Geo. Clal Computers includes com-

panies MMM Information

Systems, Clal Systems, Orion Technologies, Malam Systems, Cimatron, Clal-IPEX (50%) and is a 12% partner in GoldNet. Omni Brand Foods (formerly GE Pizza) suffered a 250% drop in annual net profits to NIS 537,000 from NIS 1.38m. in

1994. Consolidated revenues were NIS 50.22m. from NIS 32.5m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.113 from NIS 0.25. Omni operates 19 Domino's Pizza shops and plans to open between 3-4 sbops in 1996. Omni, which went public in

subsidiary company which began marketing Haagen Danz ice cream in Israel in July, 1995. Net profits were affected by NIS 1.5m. in one-time expenses cannected with introducing Haagen Daaz and opening three ice cream parlors. Omni intends to

November, said the decline was

due to losses experienced by a

Kvalim posted an increase in annual net profits to NIS 46.52m. from NIS 39.77m. in 1994. Annual revenues rose to NIS 370.53m. from NIS 306.23m.

open an additional 3 parlors in

Electric power lines made up 55% of Kvalim's business last year, as compared with 50% in Caniel Israel Can Company

reported a 47% increase in net

profits to NIS 4m. from NIS

Revenues rose to NIS 257.68m. from NIS 250.6m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 0.75 from NIS 0.50.

## Int'l consortium purchases Tahal

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

AN international consortium of investment banks and development funds handed over a check for NIS 40.3 million to the gov-ernment for the purchase of Tahal Water Planning for Israel Ltd., the

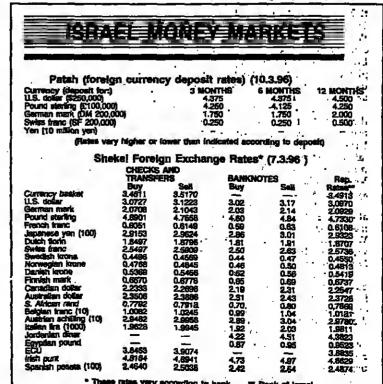
Treasury announced yesterday. Tahal is the country's largest engineering consulting firm. The consortium's members

include Leumi and Co. Investment Bankers Ltd. (25 percent), Housing and Construction Holding Company Ltd. (25%), Israel Growth Fund (16.67%), Parsons . Brinckerhoff International (16.67%) and Kardan Ltd. Investments (16.67%).

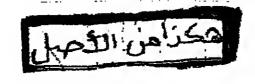
In a ceremony announcing the sale, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said that by privatizing Tahal, the company would be better able to compete and further develop its client base - which currently includes governments, public institutions, private firms

and individuals in more than 50 countries. Founded in 1952, Tahal provides consultancy services in the fields of water resources development; water supply, sanitation and environmental protection; sewer-age systems and highways; and agricultural development to goveroments, public institutions, pri-vate firms and individuals in more

than 50 countries. The company's income totaled \$36 million in 1994 and its projects had a total value of \$360m.



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STOCK indexes opened the week with declines yesterday, tracking losses on Wall Street. Declines were led by Teva Pharmaceuricals Ltd.

On Friday, US stocks suffered their worst drop since November 1991, as a surge in job growth dashed expectations the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates

The Dow Jones fell 171.24 to 5470.45.

Tel Aviv was influenced by the decline in the Dow," said Dan Kitri, an analyst at Tel Aviv's Bank Otzar HaHayal.

"And we're a hit afraid of what will happen when trading starts tomorrow.'

The Maof Index fell 1.20 per cent to 213.20, and the Two-Sided Index fell 1.36% to 203.31, of 991 issues trading across the exchange, more than five times as

Some NIS 83 million worth of shares traded, NIS 5.3m. below

many shares fell as rose.

last Thursday's level and about

NIS 5m. below the trading level two weeks. Teva fell 2.75% in the past few

weeks," said Kitri. Investors are waiting for news regarding the company's multiple sclerosis treatment Copaxone

which is under US Food and Drug Administration review. Mashov Computers, also on the Two-Sided Index, fell 5.5% after

Magic Software Enterprise Inc.'s shares fell in New York to 103/4 on Friday from 113/4 on Wednesday.

Mashov owns 51% of Magic which announced last week that its president, David Assia, had been temporarily replaced.

Had it not been for the declines across the board in US stocks. Israeli shares might bave gained, said Kitri, since investors expect declining inflation may prompt the bank of Israel to lower interest rates later this month

(Bloomberg)

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### **Precious** metals close higher COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals closed higher on Friday, as a second round of sharp drops in the stock and bond markets in the afternoon boosted precious metals prices up to the close, analysts said.

Traders said an influx of investors jumping sbip from bonds and stocks supported the day'a early and late firmness throughout the precious metals

At the close, April gold futures were \$1.80 higher at \$398.20, while May silver futures were 6.7 cents higher at \$5.522.

April platinum futures were 30 cents higher at \$413.50, while June palladium futures were \$2.20 higher at \$138.75.

May high-grade copper futures closed 270 points higher on Friday, closing at \$1.1990 per pound as a fall in the London Metal Exchange (LME) copper stocks spurred strong short cover-ing by funds in both New York and London, floor sources said. Analysts were mixed on the

effects of the fall of the US stock market, which was outweighed by signs of strength in the construction sector and other copper users, they said.

A weak financial market dampened corn and wheat on Friday, causing the grains to close mixed. .Com witnessed decent commer-

cial and light fund buying, which kept the market from breaking sharply with the March contract, closing up 11/4 at \$3.92 per bushel

Soy futures trades tower for the majority of the day on Friday, pressured by a sharply lower financial market and lackluster trade in the grains.

March soybean futures closed 71/4 cents down at \$7.121/4 per

Cotton futures settled mixed with the spot May contract lower after coming under late selling pressure to hit a new session low ahead of the close. Analysts said traders wanted to

get out of positions ahead of the weekend and the USDA supply/demand report due out today. May closed 0.15 cents weaker at 83.71 cents per pound and December was off 0.08 at 80.12 cents per pound. .

World sugar futures settled slightly off on Friday after continued lackluster trade that saw a jump to the week's highs early in the session.

The May contract settled four points lower at 11,70 cents per pound.. May coffee futures settled

lower on Friday after a choppy, locally dominated session that traded within the recent range. The May contract settled 65 points lower at \$1.1205:
Cocoa finures settled slightly

higher on the day after a very quiet session. The May cocoa futures contract settled \$4 higher

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, ComnStock Trading Ltd.

### Germany slams Austria over road fee

BONN (Reuter) - German Transport Minister Matthias Wissmann accused Austria of discriminating against other European Union countries with its plan to introduce an annual fee for using its network of motorways and brunk roads.

Wissman said he would raise the matter at a meeting of EU transport ministers today in Brussels and would also hold talks with the EU's transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, on Vienna's plans to bring in the fee system next year. "It makes absolutely no

allowance for whether a driver uses a road once or all the time," Wissmann complained in an interview with the Welt am Sonntagweekly.

Wissmann said the system disadvantaged motorists from other EU countries, who are likely to use Austrian roads much less than their Austrian counterparts.

The Vienna Transport Ministry announced plans last week to charge fees for cars and trucks using Austria's roads.

Cars face a charge of \$53 per year. Tourists will be able to buy a two-month pass for \$14.4. The charges are in addition to the tolls on some Austrian motorways.

# Gingrich: Wall Street drop TASE follows shows need for budget deal Dow downward unexpectedly large gain of 705,000 non-farm payroll jobs in February. Analysts believe the jobs num-

Representatives Speaker News Gingrich said over the weekend the dramatic deterioration of stock prices on Wall Street underscores the need for lower federal taxes and a balanced US hudget.

Seizing on Friday's 171-point drop in the Dow Jones to bolster his legislative struggle against US President Bill Clinton, Gingrich

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - European

Union finance ministers are likely

to put on a brave front to mask

growing private concerns about

their stagnant economies when

a bleak picture of lower consumer

and business confidence, rising

unemployment and wholesale

of future economic conditions

may emerge from their regular

meeting, complete with predic-tions of a pickup in activity

toward the end of this year, some

experts say there remains an

people in private is that they are

becoming more worried about the

[economic] outlook," said one

"The sense I get when I talk to

SEOUL (Reuter) - South Korea's finance

minister has sounded the alarm over a

jump in the trade deficit and warned rich-

nation members of the OECD Seoul can-

oot risk rapid market opening to join their

"Frankly, I'm a little bit concerned,"

Recent economic figures paint

While a confident assessment

they meet in Brussels today.

corporate restructurings.

undercurrent of worry.

Republican agenda does not become law.

We really need to get lower taxes and a balanced hudget for lower interest rates, just in order to avoid a recession. And I remain convinced of that," the Georgia Republican told reporters in his

"If you take a realistic view,

you have to say this slowdown is

Even the European Commission, normally unfazed

hy the hue and cry of gloomy pun-

dits, conceded this week that

growth in Europe would fall short

utive arm said it expects total out-

put to grow by less than two per-

cent in 1996, down from an initial

outlook stems from a continued

outpouring of dismal news from

Germany, a country critical to

climbed in February to its highest

since World War II, standing at

Germany's unemployment rate

Europe's economic fortunes.

To a large extent, the revised

The EU's Brussels-based exec-

protracted," he added.

of its earlier forecast.

estimate of 2.6%.

"This economy, I think, is very fragile. And I think we have to be

lowering the cost of creating jobs and increasing the take-home pay of citizens if we're going to avoid a recession."

But he was slow to reach a conclusion specifically about Friday's steep drop in stocks, which posted their third biggest decline in history after the government reported an

EU ministers to meet amid economic gloom 11.1% of the workforce compared

with 10.8% in January. The dearth of jobs has in turn clearly harmed consumer confidence, which dipped sharply in February after showing signs of stability in January. The Commission's latest surveys of consumer and husiness opinion noted the decline in confidence was widespread, affecting nearly all the EU's 15 members.

Within the industrial sector, companies across Europe reported falling orders in both domestic and foreign markets, the survey added.

For economic policy-makers the steady stream of weak data has prompted greater opening of the monetary tap.

The central banks of Britain,

France, Sweden and Denmark all

economic gloom.

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ber was skewed by unusually

severe winter weather, which may

have slowed the pace of job cre-

ation a month earlier.
"The bond market overreacted

to the jobs number. Then the stock

market overreacted to the bond

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Yet the question which contin-

ues to haunt financial markets and

the prospects for renewed busi-

ness activity is the future course

Tietmeyer last week offered a

market," Gingrich said.

est rates this week.

mixed evaluation.

He emphasized the current downtum was not a recession but carefully left open the prospect of new rate cuts.

Still, with short-term interest rates having fallen a long way already and hudget policies handcuffed to the strictures of a single European currency, governments may be nearing the limit of what they can do to lift the pervading

S. Korea warns of trade deficit jump from rapid market opening "Certainly it is one factor that makes us North America. In fact, its one of the most unstable regions in the world. Look at

> China is firing missiles into target sites close to Taiwan as a warning against inde-

wbat's happening between Taiwan and

"North Korea is also creating instability," said Rha, echoing widespread concerns that food shortages and political uncertainties in Pyongyang threaten a fragile truce that ended the 1950-53 Korean war,

"This means that capital inflows and outflows may not depend entirely on economic factors.

'So managing the Korean economy must be done very carefully, weighing economic and non-economic factors."

#### Rha Woong-bae said over the weekend, referring to a record single month current Seoul is pressing to join before the end of account deficit for January. He said the \$1.52 billion sbortfall, and

Multi-sided trading

official predictions of a similar gap for February, cast doubt on Seoul's ability to narrow its deficit to a targeted \$5-6h. this year from \$8.8b. in 1995.

"I'm not confident about that," said Rha, the minister for finance and economy. "I'm carefully watching the current account balance of payments deficit."

Rha said the figures showed the vulnerability of the economy to currency appreciation, which burts exports.

The won is under upward pressure from dollar inflows as Korea opens its once rightly-closed economy.

Rha called for understanding from the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which

"We are committed to opening our markets, but it must be cautiously managed, step-by-step," said Rha.
"Many developing countries are asking us to open the Korean economy more

rapidly, but this rapid opening may bring appreciation of the won, which will hurt the competitiveness of export industries

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and increase the balance of payments deficit.' We hope foreigners do understand we

are having difficulties opening markets because of a balance of payments deficit," Rha said. Despite last year's hefty trade deficit, South Korea recorded an overall surplus

of \$3.08b, because of a capital account surplus of \$13.54h. in 1995 the won gained about 1.8% on

the dollar.

Seoul predicts moves to open the stock market wider by raising the foreign investment ceiling to 20% this year from 15% will attract an extra \$3.5b.

Fears of more dollars chasing domestic bonds is slowing the pace of fixed income market opening, Rha said.

Two-sided trading

somewhat more conservative in opening the bond market," he said. Foreigners can now invest only in commercial paper issued by small and medi-

um-sized enterprises, which have a poor track record, and certain low-yield government paper. Rha said a New York-listed \$100 million country fund for bond investment would be launched this year as planned,

but he was unable to give an exact While he was optimistic that economic growth could be held at a targeted 7-

7.5%, ensuring a soft-landing after a 9.3% expansion last year. Rha warned of

the danger from regional instability. "Asia is not as stable as Europe and

### S. Africa's ANC blasts big business growth plan

China.

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) South Africa's ruling African National Congress has slammed an economic growth plan drawn up by a big business think-tank as "a recipe for disaster" which could push the country back-

wards. Labor Minister Tito Mboweni, a member of the ANC's executive committee, said the party believed there were major flaws in the strategy document drawn up by the South Africa Foundation, which groups about 60 of the country's largest companies.

The plan released last month said major economic reform would be needed if the government was to meet its hoped-for target of six percent annual economic growth.

The Growth For All document runs the risk of pushing our country backwards in a number of respects and the policies proposals contained therein could be a recipe for disaster and if they were ever to be adopted would interrupt government." Mboweni told a news conference.

Among the proposals in the document was cutting the hudget deficit by around 1.5% of gross domestic product (GDP) from 6% at present, raising hillions of rand through an accelerated privatization program and creating flexibility in the labor market. Mboweni slammed proposals

for brisk privatization of state "They are saying that we should move swiftly to privatiza-

tion, which means that ... the

whole of the government would be limited to zero almost immedi-"A brief privatization program sounds almost like a kind of Thatcherite program," Mboweni

said, referring to former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher. who pioneered a program of rapid privatization. President Nelson Mandela's government said last year it would sell off some state-owned enterprises and seek minority partners

in some strategic utilities, including the telecommunications company Telkom. In February, the government and organized labor signed a national framework agreement on restructuring and privatizing state

"We would not be supportive of the overall thrust of this docu-

ment... we say this could cause major social Mboweni added.

### Egypt, IMF set date for reform talks

CAIRO (Reuter) - Egypt and the International Monetary Fund will begin formal negotiations on March 23 to discuss economic reforms, IMF regional representative Abdel Shakour Shalaan said "The fund wants to discuss

structural reforms and promoting economic growth," he said before leaving for Lebanon. Shalaan and the fund's Middle

East director Paul Charbier met Egyptian Premier Kamal Ganzouri on Saturday to set the agenda for the technical talks expected to last for three to four weeks.

Egypt is hoping this round of talks will end with the fund's approval of its economic reforms, which would cancel a \$4 hillion debt and save \$200 million of annual debt service.

Egypt's Paris Club creditors have linked the write-off this final tranche of Cairo's debt to the fund's approval of the changes which aim at privatizing Egypt's luguhrious state-run economy and

promoting private-sector growth. The Cluh has already waived \$6b. of Egypt's debts.

. But Shalaan said the debt waiver was not on the agenda of the March 23 talks. The \$4h. is not the object of this discussion," he The negotiations were to start

in January but both sides agreed to put them off until the new Egyptian government, which took office in early January, had settled Since January, the new govern-

ment has embarked on an intensive program of economic change, making up for some of the time lost in the last year under former premier Atef Sedki.

It has removed some of the blocks to investment, introduced new incentives, cut the customs duty on some capital goods and reformed the housing law. The cabinet has also promised a

wave of total sell-offs and partial flotations of several state-run firms on the Egyptian stock exchange within weeks.

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# **UConn nips Hoyas to** win Big East title

NEW YORK (AP) - The Connecticut Huskies were quick to don T-shirts proclaiming them-selves Big East tournament champions. There were no traditional net-cutting ceremonies, though. Something about a goal in another

The third-ranked Huskies overcame a frightful second half by Ray Allen with a game-closing 12-0 run to beat No. 6 Georgetown 75-74 Saturday night to complete a sweep of the regular-season and tournament titles, something they couldn't do the last two seasons.

It looked like it was going to be three straight when Jahidi White's three-point play gave the Hoyas a 74-63 lead with 4:46 to play. Kirk King, playing the role of hero down the stretch that is usually played by Allen, the conference player of the year, scored eight of the oext 10 points to get the Huskies within 74-73 with 1:05 left.

Allen, who had missed 14 straight shots and had been held to just three free throws in the second half, took back the star label with a driving shot with: 13 left for the game-winner.
"It's a feeling like no other," Allen said of

winning the tournament. "You can talk about it, about winning a three-day tournament like this with these great teams, but there are no words about how much it means to us. We are the champions but the celebration will be short."

Georgetown's star also was misfiring in the second half. Guard Allen Iverson, who sat for almost five minutes with four fouls, had a shot at winning it, but his driving jumper missed, and a putback by Jerome Williams was also off. But this was Connecticut's game, at least for

the last 4:46. "It's a wonderful, wonderful feeling the way our kids came back." Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "Someone asked if we needed a gut check. At 29-2 you don't need gut checks. But use magnificent, courageous, all those eliche words for a win in a great hasketball game over a great opponent."

The game between the league's top two seeds lived up to the hype it received even with the absence of the usually high standards by Allen and Iverson in the second half.

Each team had a freshman step up - Ricky Moore for Connecticut, who had 12 of his 14 points in the second half, and Victor Page for Georgetown, who followed his 34-point semifinal effort against Villanova with 20 points in the otle game.

"Ricky had a tremendous game for us whether it was scoring or the defense on lverson," Calhoan said of Moore. He turned then to King, a junior forward who is usually the last Connecticut starter mentioned. "Kirk was magnificent. He is the most improved player in the league. He did that with starting center Travis Knight having fouled out."

The tournament title was Connecticut'a second, the other coming in 1990 when the Huskies lost to Duke in the NCAA East Regional final on a buzzer-beater by Christian Laettner. Georgetown (26-7), making its 10th champi-

onship game appearance in the 17 tournaments played, has now lost four straight title games after winning the first six. The Hoyas' last title came in 1989.

"I feel bad for the kids because it was a great tournament for them and we played well enough to win tonight," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "Connecticut gets the credit for their comeback. We'll recover. It will take a while but they will and we'll go on and play."

The matchup didn't affect much of anything as far as the NCAA tournament is concerned for the teams - Connecticut should be a No. 1 seed and Georgetown a No. 2 - hut it was revenge for Connecticut, which lost to Georgetown 77-65 during the season to snap a 23-game winning streak. Allen had 13 points in that game and he finished with 20 in this one, including the two that won it on a shot made over Iverson, the league's defensive player of the year the last two seasons.

'As you could tell, I couldn't hit anything in the second half," he said, referring to his 1-for-9 shooting effort after halftime. "We set up a play designed for Ricky to penetrate and kick it back to the open man. I came off a screen at the elbow, was up in the air and all I could do was heave it toward the basket and fortunately it went in. You see that all the ome and don't think it could happen to you but tonight it did."
We did a good joh on Allen in the second

half and even did a good joh on the last shot,"
Thompson said. "He shot a shot that no way in hell you thought it was going in hut it ends up in the basket. That'a why he's a good player. We got two good shots they just didn't drop."

King, who finished with 20 points, dunked a rebound of a drive by Moore to make it a 74-

73 game with 1:05 to play.

Page missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 45 seconds to play and Connecticut worked the

hall around until Allen's game-winner. Page, selected the tournament MVP, finished with 20 points and Iverson and Othella Harrington each had 13. Iverson had just two points in the second half. He sat out 4:44 with four foula, but the Hoyas actually extended a four-point lead to 67-59 while he was out.

Calhoun said not cutting down the nets was a coach's decision.

"We felt going into tonight we knew we were the best team in the league and we felt we would have been even if we had lost, been beaten, hy another good team," he said. "We bave said all along we have higher aspirations but this soll feels pretty great,

# Mac. Jerusalem, Ramat Gan. pull away from bottom

MACCABI Jerusalem Maccahi Ramat Gan took giant steps forward in the battle to stave off relegation last night, while Hapoel Eilat fell into the dreaded 11th spot in the Israeli Basketball

League table. A steal of an inbounds pass by Robert Rose, who then dished off to Travis Mays for a lay-up with 23 seconds left iced the 87-76 upset victory for Ramat Gan, while Adonis Jordan and Joe Dawson sparked Maccabi Jerusalem's 92-83 home victory over Safed.

Elsewhere last night, Hapoel Holon snapped Hapoel Tel Aviv's four-game winning streak, while Hapoel Galil Elyon thrashed hap-

less Hapoel Gvat. Ramat Gan 87, Rishon 76 Rose's steal of the inbounds pass and pass to Mays epitomized the dif-ference between the inert Ramat Gan club before the duo joined the team, and the rejuvenated attitude since their arrival.

The Ramai Gan powers-that-be got the home crowd excited before the game began by allowing free entrance to all. Rose, Mays, Desi Baremore and Amos Frishman took it from there by playing their best game of the season in defeating the third-place Rishon

James Gully was superb for Rishon, especially at one stretch late in the econd half when he scored six straight points keeping the game tied. With 4:27 remaining however, Rose

(14 points) and Mays (27) jacked their games up a notch as Ramat Gan broke

away.
For Rishon, Guily had 33 points.
Herzliya 77, Hapoel Eilat 75
Lior Arditu calmiy connected for
two free throws with seven seconds
remaining, enabling Herzliya to come
from behind and stay in the race for a

Final Four slot.

A Willie Simms basket provided Eilat with a 65-60 advantage with 5:30 to play, however Heriiya's pair of Amirs (Katz and Mukhtari) led Herzliya on a run that was capped by an Arditti steal and lay-up which gave Herzliya the 73-71 lead.

Gny Kantor connected on a eightfoot jump shot tying the score at 73, but John Hudson responded quickly for Muli Katzurin's club to retain the two-point advantage. After a foul, Simus was only able to connect on one of two from the charity stripe, enabling Herzliya to maintain posses-sion of the lead and the ball. The southerners inexplicably let 22 sec-onds run off the clock before fouling Arditti, whose free throws sealed the

victory.

Amir Katz had 29 points for the vic-

Mac. Jerusalem 92, Hap. Safed 83 Melvin Neubern's absence was felt as Safed couldn't keep pace with the Jerusalemites. Neubern went back to America after the Dizengoff terrorist attack last week, and all of the Safed club's efforts to convince their superstar to return were to no avail.

chances of staying in the first division next year, Avner Saban and Asaf Barnea provided the heart and spark

Barnea provided the heart and spark while Adonis Jordan (25) and Joe Dawson (22) supplied the points.

Hap, Holon 87, Hap, Tel Aviv 76
Milion Wagner scored 28 of his 33 points in the second half after being shifted to the shooting guard position leading Holon to vectory. Wagner was ably assisted by Derrick Hamilton's 24 points. For Tel Aviv, which had their four-game winning streak snapped, Nannad Markovitch and Meir Tapiro scored 22 and 20, respectively.

Scored 22 and 20, respectively.

Hap. Galif Eiyon 96, Hap.; Gvat 74

The youngsters from Gvat proved to be no match for their counterparts from the Galii as the northerners coasted to the victory. The disoriented Gvar team played yet another game without their foreign players as their nightmare season continues. For Galil, Andrew Kennedy poured in 31

points.
In other league action, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Jerusalem square off tonight with first place on the line, while on Thursday the Tel Avivians play Ellat in a make-up game postponed from last week's action.

# Hapoel Jerusalem Maccabi Tel Aviv Hapoel Galil Elyon Bnel Herzilya Maccabi Riston Hapoel Safed Hapoel Holon Hapoel Tel Aviv

# Aussies, Kiwis face injury problems

MADRAS, India (AP) Traditional rivals Australia and New Zealand faced injury problems on the eve of today's quarterfinal battle in the sixth cricket World Cop in this southern Indian

Today's other semifical pits South Africa against West Indies in Karachi.

But Australia is confident of defeating its rival, captain Mark Taylor said Sunday. With pace duo of Daniel

Morisson and Gavin Larseo unable to play because of injuries, New Zealand will find it hard to cope with Australia's batting

Morrison wen't be playing and Larsen is also out, said New Zealand captain Lee Germoo. 'Yes, it will affect our bowling." Morrison is nursing a groin injury and Larson has strained a

But Germon said the match gainst Australia would motivate

the players to give their best. Australia too has its share of problems. Star leg break bowler Shane Warne is oursing a hamstring injury but he bowled at the

oets on Sunday morning.

A right thumh injury is bothering wicket keeper-bassman Ian Healy. Warne bowled well this morning. Healy had played in the past with a broken thumb," said Australian skipper Mark Taylor after he put his team through a grueling twohour practice session.

"As of the moment, all 14 players are eligible for selection. But we'll have to see bow it is tomorrow," Taylor said.

The match will not command the same kind of near-frenzy as Saturday's contest between India and Pakistan. But Taylor promises



Wangh score two runs in last week's win over West Indies. (Remer)

an exciting time for an expected 42,000-strong crowd in a daynight encounter.

"It's always highly competitive when we play against New Zealand which does not like to lose to us. The rivalry is there between our teams. But unlike India and Pakistan, we at least play each other regularly." Australian coach Bohby Simpson said.

Pakistan played in India over the weekend after a gap of nine years and lost by 39 runs in the quarter-finals. Cricketing contacts have become a casualty of political tensions between the two countries.

'I will not underestimate the Kiwis. They tend to spring sur-prises on us," Simpson said. The Australian captain said he

will look forward to a score of 250 at the M.A. Chidambaram stadium ground. "The wicket looks good. The pitch may take some spin in the beginning, "Taylor said. South Africa-West Indies

South African coach Bob Woolmer said on Sunday the form of West Iodies hatsman Brian Lara could be decisive to the outcome of their World Cup quarter-

"I worked with him at Warwickshire for six mooths and be'll be difficult to get out," Woolmer said.

"When you see him bat it's a wondrous sight except if you are on the opposing side. I hope be won't be there long."
The West Indian camp also

believe Lara's performance could be a key element in the outcome. Captain Richie Richardson said be expected the holder of the highest score in test and first-class cricket would bave to play an

important part. We are looking for at least two guys to get good scores. That will be enough to win," he said after his team wrapped up their final preparations at the National stadium.

Lara had a long session in the nets, liberally pounding the bowling of his teammates.

He has said be is looking for-

ward to playing on the flatter Pakistani pitches after moderate success, by his high standards, in West Indies' four group A matches in India.

Lara made his Test debut in Pakistan in 1990 and said be bad enjoyed batting there on that

For the South Africans, batsman Daryli Cullinan has recovered from a slight hack muscle strain

### Pistons squeeze past Mays

AUBURN HILLS (Reuter) - Otis Thorpe led the surging Detroit Pisions in scoring and end-game defense for a 92-91 victory over

the Dal)as Mavericks Saturday. Thorpe got 20 points and 15 rebounds and Grant Hill had 18 and a career-high 17 for Detroit,

which woo for the seventh time in

nine games. Terry Mills added 15 points and II boards.

After Terry Mills hit a 15-foot jumper with 1:39 remaining to put Detroit up 92-91, Dallas had numerous chances to retake the lead. But Lorenzo Williams had a shot blocked by Thorpe, Jason Kidd missed a jumper and George

McCloud and Kidd - guarded by Thorpe - couldn't convert threepointers.

Jim Jackson netted 28 points and Lucious Harris tied a season high with 19 for Dailas. SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Detoit 92, Dallas 91. Denver 102, Golden State 88

### Liverpool, Leeds in Cup deadlock

LONDON (Reuter) - Liverpool failed to reproduce the league sparkle which swept Aston Villa aside 3-0 a week ago when the team drew 0-0 in a lackluster FA Cup quarter-final tie at Leeds yesterday.

In the draw for the semifinals made immediately afterwards, the winners of the March 20 replay will meet cither Nottingham Forest or Aston Villa

Forest reached the quarter-finals on Saturday after beating Tottenham in a penalty shootout in a fifth round replay at White Hart Lane after the sides finished level at 1-1.

In the other semifinal, Chelsea or Wimbledon will play Manchester United or Southampton.

Wimhledon drew 2-2 in the quarter-final tie at Chelsea oo Saturday and the sides must replay. Manchester United meets Southampton tonight.

Liverpool bad scored three

times in the first eight minutes when it brushed Aston Villa aside last week, but there was no such whirlwind yesterdays
Leeds manager Howard
Wilkinson adating from a 50

defeat by Liverpool in January, opened with a smothering fiveman defense, reinforced by the return of Gary Kelly.

The first half produced just one

chance of note, but Steve McManaman, put through by John Barnes, mis-hit his shot across the face of goal.

The Robbie Fowler-Stan Collymore combination, which has yielded 26 goals for Liverpool in an unbeaten 16-match run, had a hlank day and was largely restricted to long-range shots.

Leeds, already safely through to the League Cup final, had its best momeots later oo when Williamson sent on Brian Deane for the more suble Tomas Brolin in the 77th minute.

Almost immediately his robust tuo created an opening for Gary McAllister, but he hoisted over

the bar Yesterday's FA Cup semifinals draw: Nottingham Forest or Aston Villa v Leeds United or Liverpool; Chelsea or Wimbledon v Manchester United or March 31, yearnes still to be decided.

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### Smashnova successful in first round of Evert Cup

ANNA Smashnova caused an upset Saturday by beating Argentina's Ines Gorrochategui, ranked 47 in the world, in the first round of the Evert Cup tournament in Indian Wells, California. Smashnova, ranked 78, won 5-

7, 7-5, 6-3. In the second round last night Smashnova was due to play the US's Mary Joe Fernandez, ranked 13 in the world.

Meanwhile, in the second leg of

the Club Hotel Eilat Satellite, yesterday.

easily against Behr 6-1, 6-2.

Today's final, delayed from Saturday due to rain and moved to -Jaffa, will be contested between: Truyll and top seeded Lars Jonsson from Sweden: Jonsson reached the final when Ivan Lukacs from Hungary retired at 6-3, feeling unwell. Hila Rosen, top seed in the women's tournament, . which was also moved to Jaffa, beat second seed Jule Pullin from England 6-0, 6-1 in the final yes-

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Noam Behr, the only Israeli among the last four players, lost his semifinal match to the second seed Ignacio Truyll from Spain

In the quarter-finals on Friday. Behr, seeded fifth, dismissed the winner of the first leg, Bing Pan of China, 6-4, 6-2 but Truyll woo

### SPORTS BRIEFS

Knicks show Nelson the door

The New York Knicks fired head coach Don Nelson and named assistant Jeff Van Gundy as his replacement over the weekend. The announcement came a day after Nelson said he planned to serve his three-year contract as head coach, but would understand

if he was fired by the organization. "It was clear, for whatever reason, that the team was not responding," said Knicks President and General Manager Ernie Grunfeld. The team was not playing up to its capabilities. We made the decision now to give the team the best opportunity to turn things around for the stretch run and the playoffs."

But what likely spurred the firing is Nelson's icy relatiooship with some of the players. Nelson has been involved in a war of words with Knicks guard John Starks the past two weeks since he benched Starks in favor of Hubert Davis. Starks complained openly about the move and claimed he was being treated unfairly.

Carling retires as captain Will Carling, who led England to the World Cup finals in 1991 and the semifinals a year ago, is stepping down as England's rughy

captain but will continue as a player. The 30-year-old Carling, who has captained England for eight years, announced his retirement yesterday in a newspaper column he writes, saying his game on Saturday against Ireland in the Five Nations tournament would be his last as captain.

Hill wins Australian GP Damon Hill overtook his slowing rookie Williams-Renault

teammate Jacques Villeneuve with five laps remaining yesterday and won his second straight Australian Grand Prix.

Hill recorded the 14th Formula One victory of his career, equaling the record of his late father Graham Hill - a two-time world champion - and became the first man to win successive

Australian grands prix.

National high jump mark set Constain Manusevich set a new Israeli record in the high jump at the Indoor European Championships held yesterday in Stockholm.

Manusevich reached 2.31 meters and finished fourth. Heather Chait

### SCOREBOARD

NHL - Saturday's results: Boston 3, Philadelphia 2; New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 3 (OT); N.Y. Rangers 6, Washington 1; N.Y. Islanders 4, Winnipeg 2; Montreal 3, Ottawa 2; Toronto 4, Calgary 3; St. Louis 6, Hartford 3; Colorado 7, Vancouver 5,



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JERUSALEM 3000 and Hora Jerusalem 30. The Hora Jerusalem Folk Dance Troupe is celebrating its 30th and the city's 3,000th birthday in two eveniogs of song and dance with the participation of 400 dancers from the capital's various troupes. It's called From 30 to 3000 and it's on tonight and tomorrow in the Jerusalem Sherover Theater. Info and tickets: (02) 253475

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ARIE Vardi brings the magic of Ravel to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv today as the Isrsel Philharmonic Orchestra presents, under his haton, another one of its highly eogaging family concerts st 5:30 p.m.

Those interested in getting s sneak preview of up-and-coming musical talents are invited to the annual Clairmoot Competition taking place this week at the Rubin Music Academy at the Tel Aviv University.

Today features seven competitors in the young (up to 17) violinists' division. Tomorrow there are 10 contestants in the older (17-24) violin division. Wednesday showcases nine young pianists and Thursday six somewhat older pianists. Each competition day starts at 10 a.m. and is open to the general public free of charge. The prizes will be awarded in a festive concert next Sunday at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30 p.m.).

#### TELEVISION

#### RUTH KERN

ONE can almost picture Keith Floyd up there in heaven, sauteing flower petals in nectar with one hand, while introducing one of his be-winged "chums" with the other. The fact is, the traveling TV cookery personality seemed equally at ease wherever he went, treating all food and newly acquired acquaintances with the same kind of rushed, offhand charm, Back in re-run purgatory, the Discovery Channel is bringing us a younger, thinner Floyd on Italy. Catch it tonight at 9:30 or

ACROSS

I Contemplates terminal

9 Carriage to expel fellows going to Tasmania, originally (10)

10 You and I embracing conditional partner (4)

money from Melbourne, for

12 Penny included in new

13 Sprinkling of soda ruin this old creature? (8)

15 Boycotting tipping on jet

18 New parson is heir to such

21 Inn the AA graded for this

22 Ancient city's role in South

example (6)

people (12)

Africa? (6)

capital fellow (8)

6 Achievements of Book V (4)

near Enfield? (7,3)



Al Pacino is dedicated detective Vincent Hanna in 'Heat.'

#### tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

#### FILM

#### ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* HEAT - Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. the Zeus and Poseidoo of contemporary American film realism, share just two sceoes in Michael Mann's film. The whole movie, however, feels pitched inevitably toward their confrootatioo. In some ways, it's not even the physical meeting between them that matters, so much as its threat, or promise.

A remarkable piece of sustained suspensehuilding, Heat is stark, brutal, and at almost three hours long, extraordinarily engaging. The looming presence of the two actors - who play a ruthless professional criminal and a dedicated Los Angeles police detective - lends the picture a fascinating singlemindedness and unrelenting forward thrust. As in a good Western, Mano slyly animates the oxymoronic-sounding dramatic arrangement of two men joined by their solitude. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

24 Sin of diplomat losing original order (4)

25 Source of power seems, we hear, to be laid down ages

27 Contracting organic tissue can be harsh (10)

DOWN

1 Reckoned to be under

2 No copper coins in

3 Shopkeeper shutting the door on one, possibly (5,7)

4 Amount to nothing,

5 Novel not in fashion, like

"A Farewell to Arms"? (3-7)

wrestling (4)

returning from Japan (6)

pressure in such a cell? (6)

ago (10)

### **TELEVISION**

WHAT'S ON

#### CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

### **■ EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Revolutions in modern history 8:00 Revolutions in modern history 8:30 Reading comprehension 9:00 Nature 9:25 Sesame Street 10:00 On Second Thoughts 10:30 Science and Technology 10:55 English 11:15 General History 11:45 English 12:05 Physical geography 13:30 Stories about entimals 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:25 Mother Goose 15:00 Autoto

#### ■ CHANNEL 1

15:32 Land without time 15:55 Rex 16:20 At the tip of the brush 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zaptot to Hosting with young anists and performers
 16:16 News in English 16:16 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Sport magazine 19:00 News in HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaell 20:00 News 20:45 Popolitica 22:00 Sanderson - comedy 23:00 Backtrack - with Ehud Manor 23:30 News magazine 24:00 Verse of the

#### CHANNEL 2

13:00 Talking about it - Danny Roup talks to people with interesting stories 14:00 All for One - adventure series 14:00 All for One – adventure series about e co-ed football team 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Pinocchio – with Hebrew dubbing 15:30 Oreams with Uzi Hitman 18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 A Mafter of Time – drama for youth 18:00 Santa Berbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 It's a Deal – game show 21:05 Zehu Zeh – comedy 21:40 Dan Shilon live 23:15 Sirens – police drama series 23:15 Sirens - police drama series 24:00 News 00:05 Sirens (continued) 00:20 Studs - dating game 00:45 Starsky and Hutch - police series 1:35 in Broad Daylight (1991) - Guntoting bully played by Brian Dennehy terrorizes e town and challenges its residents to stand up to him (100 mins.) 3:10 Poem of the Day

#### JORDAN TV

14:00 Bonkers 14:30 Richie Rich cartoon 15:00 Playabout 15:15 Bustin Loose - comedy 15:40 Animals of the Mediterranean - documentary 16:10 Okavango 17:00
French Programs 19:35 McHale's
Navy – comedy 20:00 Rhythms that
speak – documentary 20:25 The Bold
and the Beautiful 21:10 Temples of

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the gods - documentary 22:00 News in English 22:25 Perfect Scoundrels 23:15 Taurus Rising 24:00 Ellen -

#### **■ MIDDLE EAST TV**

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55
Adventures of Galiant Bess (1948) —
romantic adventure about a young
man from between his love for his girl
and his love for his horse. Starring
Cameron Mitchell and Audrey Long
(73 mins.) 15:30 Dennis the Menace
16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the
Green Forest 17:45 Another Life
18:10 Sea Quest 19:10 Magnum P.I.
20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00
The Bill Cosby Show 21:30 Diagnosis
Murder 22:20 Snowy River 23:10
700 Club 24:00 Special Program

### CABLE

#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cinchnati 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and The Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Married With Chikiren 21:16 Nanny 21:40 Mad About You 22:05 Frasier 22:15 Nanny 22:30 A Liberated Woman 22:55 To be announced 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots

#### ■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 A Thousand Heroes (1992) (rpt) 12:05 Another Time, Another Place (1958) – Lana Turner and Sean Connery star in this classic melodrama set in WWII England about a woman who has a breakdown when she learns of her lover's death. (95 mins.) 13:45 The Commitments (1991, Irish) -- (npt) 15:40 Grande Vadrouille (1966, French) British solvalorume (1966, French) British sol-diers parachute into occupied France in this WWII comedy starring Louis D'Finnes and Bourville. (118 mins.) (rpt) 17:40 Martial Law (1991) – an undercover agent and his beautiful partner go after organized crime in this action thriller (87 mins.) 19:15 False Identity (1990) - radio broadcaster researches a story on a local war hero and discovers something amiss. With Stacy Keach. (94 mins.) 20:45 What's New at the Movies 21:00 Fan Fan (1993, French) -Vincent Price stars as e lover bored with his five year relationship and decides to go after a younger woman. (89 mins.) 22:35 Shy People (1987) — melodrama starring Jill Clayburgh and Barbara Hershey (114 mins.) 00:30 Armed Response (1986) — action film about a family that gets mixed up in a Chinatown war (82 mins.) (rpt) 1:55 Friday the 13th Part VII (1988) - (84 mins.) (rpt)

### ■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 6:30 Lizzy Beer9:00 White Fang 9:40 The Heart 10:00 Step by Step 10:25 Sweet Valley High 11:00 Sliders 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Alvin

and the Chipmunks 14:00 Detective Scogle 14:35 Discoveries 15:10 The Heart 15:40 Family Ties 16:15 Loony Toons 16:30 Black Stallion 17:00 Cartoons 17:35 Saved By the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 White Fang 19:00 Lizzy Bee 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married With Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 Mork and Mindy 21:20 Cheers

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Black Robe (1991, Canadian) ~ 22:00 Black Hobe (1991, Canadian) ~ Bruce Beresford directs this scenic film about a 17th-century Jesuit priest who travels to Quebec on e coloniz-ing mission. (94 mins.) 23:49 Woyzeck (1978, West German) ~ edeptation of Georg Buchner's novel about e seemingly normal man who goes crazy and becomes a murderer. With Klaus Kinski. (76 mins.)

#### ■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 14:00 Open University 15:00 Human Nature 17:00 Beyond 2000 18:00 Open University 19:25 Business File 20:00 Balance of Nature 21:00 Travel Magazine 21:30 Floyd on Italy 22:00 Heart of the Matter 23:00 Balance of Nature 23:45 Open University

#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Facing Love 18:30 Panorama with Zaidan Atshe 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs Wa Loved 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Opening Shots - series about talent-Opening Shots – series about talented young exponents in all fields of art 21:15 That's Entertainment (1974) – Part 1 of a nostalgia bash directed by Jack Haley Jr. and hosted by some of the brightest stars in the Hollywood galaxy such as Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly, Liza Minnelli, Debble Reynolds, Elizabeth Taylor and more who pluck out their favorite scenes from 78 MGM movies produced between 1929 and 1958 (127 mins.) 24:00 Closedown mins.) 24:00 Closedown

#### ■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Learning Mathematics 17:00 Guiliver's Travels Mathematics 17:30 Gulliver's Travels
17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Herodian
Kingdom 18:30 Family Relations
19:00 Basic Arable 19:30 Reflection
— weekly news features program in
Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with
Russian subtities) 20:30 Preparation
for Bagrut 21:30 Medicine
Demystified 21:30 Humankind 22:30
Revolutions in the modern eta Revolutions in the modern era

#### SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Best of the Selina Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News 8:00 The Today Show 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 American Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 David Frost 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Frontal 22:30 ITN News 23:00 NHL Hockey 00:00 Best of the Tonight Show 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

### STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Look and Cook 7:00 Video Fastion News 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey: 11:90 Remington Steele 12:00 Look and Cook 12:30 Video Fashion News 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 The Black Stallion

14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M\*A\*S\*H 16:30 Frost 18:30 The Bold MASTH 16:30 Frost 16:30 Frost 6:30 Frost 6:3

#### ■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Action 16:00 Mrs. Fitness 19:45 Name of the Game 20:15 Hi Five – Tel Aviv vs Jerusalem 22:30 English Soccer League 23:30 College Basketball 00:30 Brazilian Soccer

#### **■ EUROSPORT**

9:30 Alpine Skiing – World Cup from Norway 11:30 Athletics 13:30 Boxing 14:30 Formula 1 – Australian Grand Prix 16:00 Snooker 18:55 Sports News 19:00 Motor Sports Magazine 20:55 Sports News 20:30 Eurogoals 21:00 Eurogoals 21:55 Sports News 22:00 ATP Tennis live

#### PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket – World Cup, Third Quarter Finals, live 14:00 Cricket – World Cup, Fourth Quarter Finals, live 21:00 Roller Blading 23:00 Asian Sports Magazine 23:30 Fencing 00:00 Asian Soccer 1:00 Wind Surfing Magazine 1:30 WWF Wrestling 2:30 Cricket 3:30 Cricket – World Cup Third Operfor Finals World Cup, Third Quarter Finals

#### ■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 The Money Programme 10:15 The Money Programme 11:30 Food and Drink 14:05 Correspondent 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific News 16:30 Time Out: Q.E.D. 17:15 The Money Programme 18:30 Time Out: The Clothes Show 19:16 World Business Report 22:05 The Money Programme 23:30 Time Out: Holiday 00:00 World Business Report

### RADIO

#### ■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bliss: Pastoral for mezzo-soprano, choir, flute and string orch; Dellus; Norwegian Suite; Ingolf Dahl; St Barbara's Tower symphonic legend; works by Ellington; Ya'acov Gilboa: 3 Lyric Pieces in Mediterranean Style (ICO/Talmi) 12:00 Light Classical lienna Boys' Choir in songs by Bach, Handel, Franck, Schubert, J. Strauss, and German and Austrian folksongs 13:00 Cellist Jacqueline du Pre -Elgar. Cello concerto in E minor, Haydn: Cello concerto in C 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works -Beethoven's plano sonates 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnanta - live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Noam Buchmen, flute; Ora Rotem, plano. Works by Mozart, C.P.E. Bach, Mordechal Seter, Neta Aloni, Janacek 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05, Paganini: Violin concerto no 1' (Menufait/Royal PO/Erede); Mozart Symphony no 39 (Vienna PO/Kertesz) 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

### CINEMA

**JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Living in Oblivion 5** \* Animator Reoul Servais 7 \*
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President 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* Show Girls
9:45 \* Casino 4:15, 7, 9:30 \* Get Shorty 4:45, 7:30, 10 \* Sudden Death 4:45, 7:15 \* Feir Game weekdays 4:45, 7:15 JERUSALEM THEATER Georgia 7, 9:30 \* Las Vegas 7, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7= 792799 Credit Card

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Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 \* Money
Train@Blue in the Face 5, 7:30, 9:45 \* The Usual Suspects 5, 7:30, 9:4

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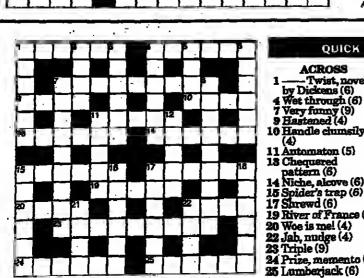
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AVISHAI Raviv, the alleged GSS informer who founded the extreme right-wing organization Eyal, ir fluenced Yigal Amir to kill Yit hak Rabin, former Kach

member Eran Ojalbo, testifying for the defense, told Tel Aviv

Policeman Moshe Afron testi-

fied that on the night of the rally, security forces had been briefed

for a possible terror attack. But at the scene, he said, police were warned of a possible assassination

"Raviv told Yigal and others

time and time again that there was a din rodef on Yitzhak Rabin," said Ojalho. "He said, 'Rabin should die,' and whoever killed

him was a righteous person."

Ojalbo was Raviv's roommate

for more than 18 months, and

joined Eyal after Kach was made

He also said Raviv had sent

him to post flyers advertising

Eyal, and encouraged others to

break into Orient House.

passes. It will also apply to both buses and trains.

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announced yesterday.

District Court yesterday.

Defense witness

Ojalbo: Raviv told

Amir Rabin must die

Ojalbo testified that Raviv orga-

nized Shabbat activities and anti-

government demonstrations

nationwide. Amir was invited

every weekend to take part in

Eyal's activities, and Raviv even sent him to carry out "various missions." "Raviv bad a great

influence on Yigal," stressed

emphasized to him and other stu-

dents that whoever implemented the din rodef on Rabin was carry-

ing out a holy mission." "Ten

minutes after it was announced

that Rahin bad been injured, on the night of the rally, Raviv phoned me and asked me how I was," said Ojalbo. "He also

asked me who had shot Rabin. I

replied that I could see a short

Yemenite guy. 'Is it Yigal?' Raviv asked me. I looked again

Two GSS agents also testified

Other defense witnesses includ-

ed three policemen who described

Seniors to get 50% discount on public transport

BEGINNING on April 1, senior citizens – men 65 or older and women 60 or older – will be entitled to 50 percent discount on all public transportation, both intracity and intercity, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar

The discount, mandated by the Senior Citizens Law, will apply to all types of tickets, including monthly

Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadia explained that the discount took effect in two phases: In the first, which

started on March 1, it applied only to intracity public transportation and to multi-ride tickets. As of April 1, the discount will also apply to intercity huses and trains and to all types of tickets.

Senior citizens will now be able to purchase new, 20-ride tickets for NIS 33.

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and said that it was Yigal."

behind closed doors.

Ojalbo.

"He continuously

Policeman Aviv Yahav said that

after he had helped pin Amir

against the wall after the murder,

Amir told him he had shot only

blanks." But soon afterwards,

said Yahav, Amir admitted that he

had fired real bullets and had only

said he fired hlanks because he

was afraid that police would shoot

him. Additional defense witnesses

will appear tomorrow. A police investigator, psychologist Avi Weil, and Rabbis Yoel Bin-Nun

and Aharon Lichtenstein have

been summoned by the defense.

Judge Edmond Levy refused to

allow an additional psychologist, acting for the defense, to examine

Amir. He also refused to permit

Menahem Damti, Rabin's driver,

Levy urged both the defense and

prosecution to expedite proceed-

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Yigal Amir leans in front of a court guard to consult with attorney Shmuel Fleischman yesterday.

# Peretz wants strike over pensions postponed

NEWS

### MICHAL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT Chairman MK Amir Peretz yesterday asked the large unions to postpone the strike they were planning for Thursday to next week, to give the Treasury time to consider the Histadrut's and unions' demands to change the pension plan.

The union heads are to meet today to decide on whether to

agree to Peretz's request. The Histadrut's leadership debated the unions' demands to cancel the government's new pension plan, which reduces the pension allocations of some 600,000 workers, at yesterday's

The large unions threatened last month to disrupt the economy unless the Treasury cancels the pension plan which damages the workers' pension rights, claiming that the Finance Ministry had come up with a plan which violates all the agreements they had reached with former Histadrut head Haim Ramon.

# Army renames Quartermaster Branch

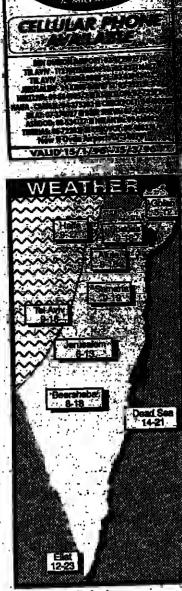
THE IDF decided to change the name of the Quartermaster Branch to the Branch of Technology and Logistics. The new name, the army said, is more reflective of a modern army.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN Maj.Gen. Amiaz Sagis, consumes the largest portion of the military's budget, and procures and maintains equipment. maintains equipment. The development of the IDF in the past few years has changed the task of the branch, which has been called Quartermaster since the IDF was founded," an army statement said. "The Branch of Technology and Logistics better reflects its role."

### branch, headed Fassa sentenced to 6 months' community service

UZI Fassa, former director of the Histadrut's Mifal V'tarbut organization, who testified for the prosecution in the Histadrut case, was sentenced to six months community service by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge Edna Bekenstein yesterday. Fassa was convicted on fraud charges arising from the 1994 Histadrut primaries, when he received orders from MK Avi Yehezkel and others to pay for work ostensibly for the Histadrut, but in fact

Information provided by Fassa helped obtain an indictment against MK Avi Yehezkel. The District Attorney's Office still has to decide whether to indict others allegedly involved. Fassa was charged with issuance seven false another to Histadrut members to cover their campaign costs. The work involved amounted to



Winning cards. In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the incky cards were the queen of spades, nine of hearts, seven of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

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